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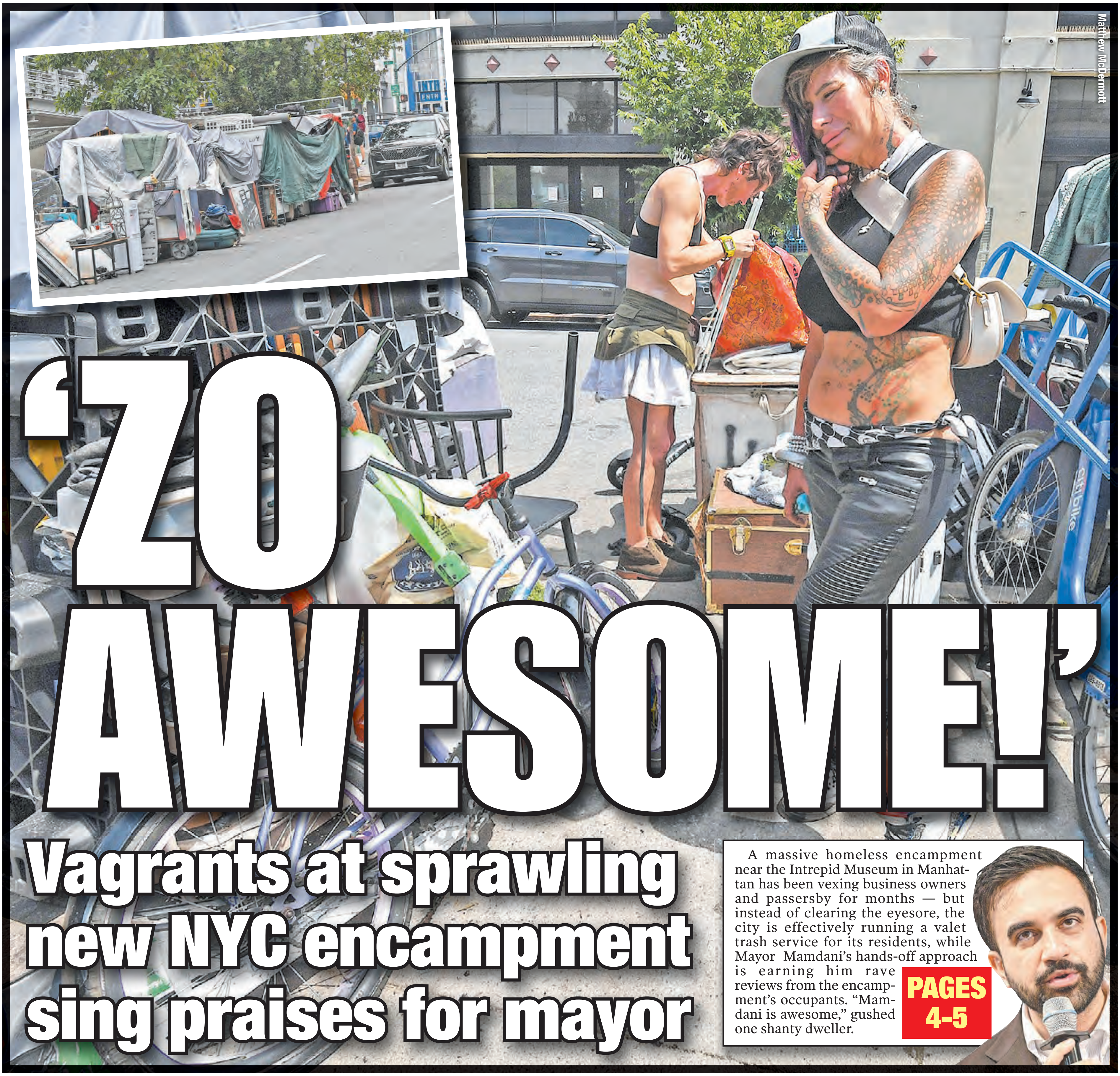
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‘ZO AWESOME!’

Vagrants at sprawling new NYC encampment sing praises for mayor

A massive homeless encampment near the Intrepid Museum in Manhattan has been vexing business owners and passersby for months — but instead of clearing the eyesore, the city is effectively running a valet trash service for its residents, while Mayor Mamdani’s hands-off approach is earning him rave reviews from the encampment’s occupants. “Mamdani is awesome,” gushed one shanty dweller.

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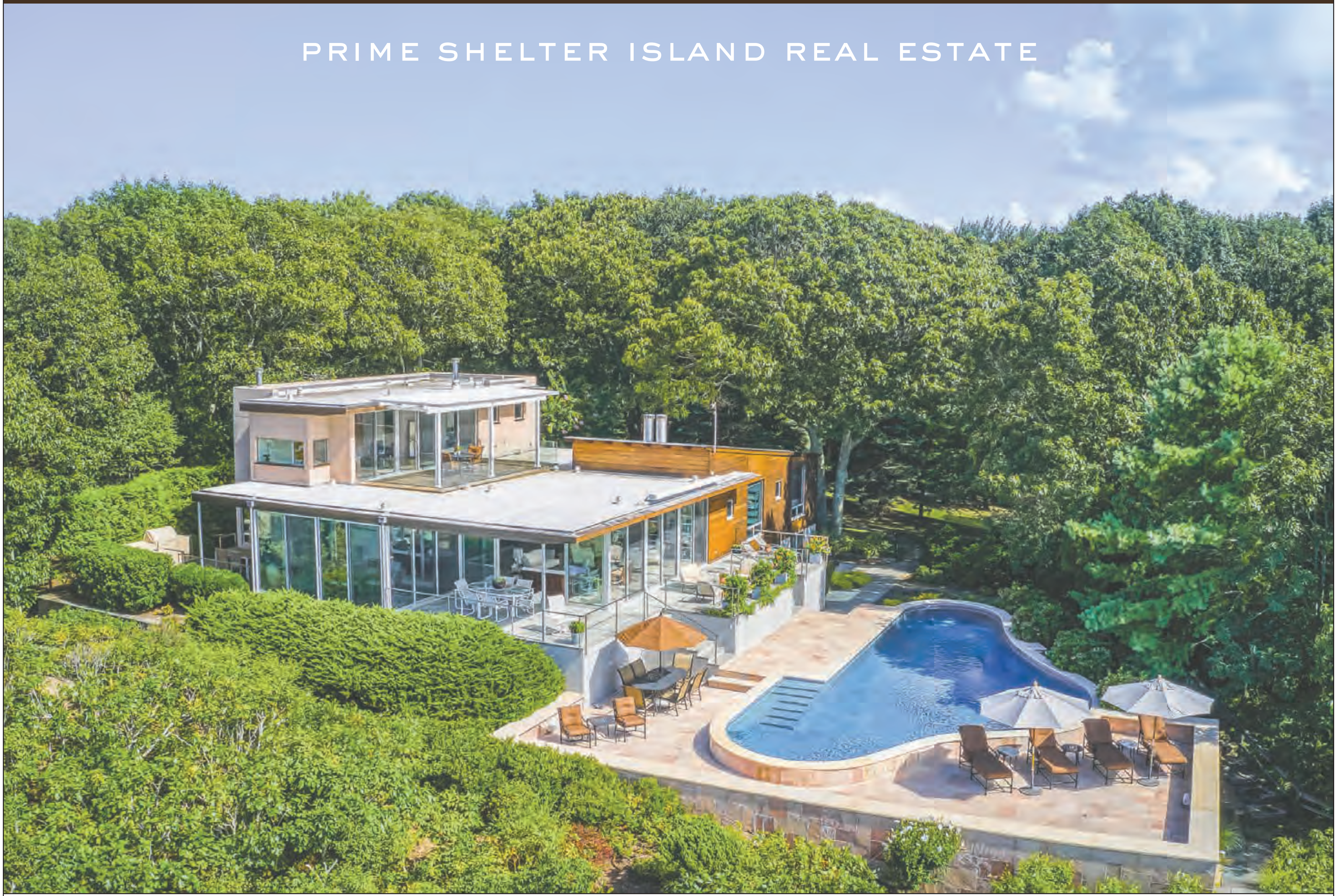

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‘Bayeux’ finally rehung

It’s a battle of the bulge.

The iconic Bayeux Tapestry was returned home to the UK for the first time in nearly 1,000 years, calling attention to a long-running debate over how many penises are depicted in this magnum opus.

The 230-foot artifact, woven in the UK in the 11th century but moved to Bayeux, Normandy, shortly after its creation, was whisked 350 miles from France to the British Museum overnight on July 10 during a top secret operation, the BBC reported.

“We’ve just witnessed something rather extraordinary,” declared institution director Nick Cullinan, who was present for its arrival via crate along with the French ambassador to the UK.

The tapestry depicts 58 scenes leading up to the Battle of Hastings and Norman Conquest of England in 1066 — a pivotal moment that reshaped the country’s ruling class, transformed the national language from English to French and bound the two countries.

However, there’s another NSFW aspect of the masterwork that has aroused scholars’ curiosity — its preponderance of phalluses.

Professor George Garnett, a medieval history expert at Oxford University, claimed that he counted 93 in a 2018 article for “History Extra.”

Ben Cost

U.F.*Oh?* More files bared

The Pentagon released its fourth batch of UFO files Friday following President Trump’s declassification order, including footage of a mysterious six-pointed object off the coast of East Asia.

The Trump administration, including the FBI, is treating UFOs as a national security threat that warrants more investigation — though no evidence has been offered to back claims of government coverups.

Steven Nelson

TRAV & TAY, HEY!

BACKGRID

Newlyweds spotted at Calif. nups

By JOLIE ZENNA

Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce stepped out for their first outing as husband and wife.

The couple attended JuJu Smith-Schuster and Laura Kruk’s wedding Friday at the Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel in Orange County — one week after their own star-studded nuptials at Madison Square Garden.

For the event, Swift wore a strapless pink floral ball gown while Kelce wore a gray suit.

They were spotted holding hands as they made their way inside the venue.

Prior to attending Smith-Schuster and Kruk’s wedding, however, Swift and Kelce were spotted in Montana hanging out with brother Jason Kelce and his wife Kylie Kelce before jetting to the West Coast.

The newlyweds have not been publicly seen together since attending the Tight End University festivities in Nashville, Tenn., just one week before their nuptials. Swift and Kelce were pictured at TEU’s welcome party at Twelve Thirty Club, which kicked off the annual three-day summit for NFL tight ends.

The pop star also stunned fans at the Tight Ends & Friends concert the following night when she delivered a surprise performance of her 2008 hit “Love Story” — the same song she reportedly walked down the aisle to.

The couple tied the knot on July 3 at Madison Square Garden and transformed the iconic arena into a beautiful garden for the festivities.

More than 1,000 guests attended, including Gigi Hadid, Bradley Cooper, Selena Gomez, Karlie Kloss and more.

Adam Sandler officiated the ceremony, Swift’s longtime publicist, Tree Paine, told Page Six.

MR. AND MRS.: Travis Kelce and Taylor Swift make their first married outing at the wedding Friday of friends in Southern California.

CHARLES GASPARINO

Lefty gives the 'boot' to Italian culture

AS someone who can trace both sides of his family to that once-impoverished but wonderful country known as Italy, it's easy to come to the conclusion that our mayor isn't a fan of the place — or of people who originated there.

So it's no surprise that the same leftist clown who flipped the bird at a statue of Columbus during his days as a leftist agitator has offered up a creepy, ethnically cleansed map of the city that leaves no trace of Italians living anywhere in New York City, from Arthur Avenue to Little Italy to Staten Island.

Race-based Marxism

I can't tell you exactly what's going on in Zohran Mamdani's brain cells.

But I suspect his disdain for people like me is more complex than just race hate.

It involves his broader worldview, something called cultural Marxism, which defines the Italian American experience here in New York and elsewhere as a lie.

Yes, I know, the Marxism usually associated with our mayor is of the economic variety: demonizing the rich, government-owned grocery stores, free buses, higher taxes to provide more welfare support to migrants here legally or illegally.

He boasts about replacing "the frigidity of rugged individualism with the warmth of collectivism."

Go deeper into what makes Mamdani tick, and you'll understand that collectivism is only part of what animates our mayor.

He holds a worldview that divides Americans into tribes based not on Marx's classic interpretation (which would be class), but on race.

Under the theory of cultural Marxism, all things are oppressor versus oppressed.

It ignores swaths of history in favor of grievance against Western civilization — the ultimate oppressor of the Third World, the historically oppressed.

Hence you have one mayoral appointee calling homeownership a "weapon of white supremacy" that the government should seize.

Another, his chief equity officer no less, mused on social media about her disdain for white liberal women (they apparently can't overcome their whiteness) and how government should "tax these people to the white meat."

The mayor's wife apparently believed that the Oct. 7 massacre of innocent Israelis involved a "mass rape hoax."

The mayor himself has never disavowed "globalize the intifada," the rallying cry of cultural Marxism that aims at wiping Israel off the map.

How have Italians — particularly most Italian Americans, who descend from an economically backward area of Europe — or Jews, who have faced centuries of persecution, fallen afoul of this ideology?

For Jews, it's the success of Israel, both economically and in defending itself against decades of invasions and terrorism from the allegedly oppressed people the cultural Marxists say need defending.

For Italians, I think the lefty beef comes from a different place: anger that they never fell for the oppression narrative.

Most came here from the impoverished south of Italy, the Mezzogiorno region, around the turn of the last century.

They were offered no welfare (or Obamacare), and they weren't considered "white" by the standards of the time.

But they prospered nonetheless.

Attempt to erase past

My grandfather and uncles helped build the city subway system.

Years later, my father gained entry to the very union that had denied membership to my grandfather because of the vowel at the end of our name.

My paternal grandfather grew up in the Italian-American ghetto known as East Harlem, my mom's side in Little Italy, my parents in The Bronx.

They were poor Italian neighborhoods that became working class (left off Mamdani's map, of course) not just because of preference, but also because of redlining.

Yet we all became "Americans" — and were better off for it.

My father served in the Marines, went to trade school and saved to own a home.

I went to graduate school; my brother is an MD and Ph.D. who runs a New York City hospital.

DEI didn't aid our ascent.

If you rewrite that history of Italian-Americans, if you cleanse their story from the history books, you can start a whole new one from the ashes.

That's what the cultural Marxists are aiming for. Don't let them.

Zo on defense as map 'draws' ire

Mayor Mamdani defended his controversial map of immigrant enclaves across the Big Apple, saying more communities would be added after notably omitting the famed Little Italy as well as Jewish and Irish communities.

The map, titled "New York City Immigrant Enclaves," identified 30 immigrant communities with numbered flags across the five boroughs.

"It's clearly not an exhaustive list of the more than 200 ethnic enclaves," Hizzoner said at an unrelated press conference on Friday.

"We're going to be making additional changes in the future to reflect that . . . including Little Italy."

The promise came a day after the City Council's Italian Caucus, which has all Republican members, accused the Democrat's administration of "erasing" Italian-Americans, calling the map "incomplete at best and insulting at worst."

The controversial map resurfaced earlier this week on social media, sparking backlash for the young administration.

Hannah Fierick

ISN'T

GOING NOWHERE: Dwellers hunker down at a squalid homeless encampment on the West Side near the Intrepid Museum (inset below) and by a bridge with patrons (inset bottom).

By JORDAN DONEGAN, DAVID DeTURRIS and CHRIS NESI

A sprawling homeless encampment near the Intrepid Museum in Manhattan has been vexing business owners and passersby for months — but the city is effectively running a valet trash service for its rough-sleeping residents rather than clearing the eyesore.

The steadily growing shantytowns — haphazardly strewn with all manner of bicycles, electronics and garbage — have taken over sizable portions of West 45th and 46th streets along Twelfth Avenue in Hell's Kitchen, between the museum parking lot and an Amazon warehouse.

"You see how it looks? How dirty it is? How can you eat food and the next corner is smelly, dirty, nasty, crusty, disgusting?" a food-cart owner at the corner of Twelfth Avenue and West 46th Street told The Post, adding that the campsite has been chipping away at his business.

Mayor tolerates it

He said despite calling 911 and 311 "a million times," the city has never dealt with the encampment itself, only sending Department of Sanitation workers out to clear the trash.

"They take the garbage only, but nobody can move anyone, even 911," the cart owner said.

Mayor Mamdani's hands-off approach, however, is earning him rave reviews from the encampment's occupants.

"Mamdani is awesome. He, like, did a whole paradigm shift on homelessness and care," said Markus C., who lives in an encampment on West 40th Street but visits the 46th Street shantytown roughly twice a week.

He said he loves Mamdani and how the administration treats the homeless community, noting it's the first time he feels like someone cared about his plight.

"Before, when the police were doing their sweeps, the cleanups and site checks, there was a lot of pressure," Markus, who's been on the streets for a year and a half, said of the tactics under former Mayor Eric Adams.

Since Mamdani got into office in January, "I noticed that it's a lot more outreach workers instead of sending police officers. So now we have, on average, about three different organizations" to check in on them, he said. But the city's apparently lackadaisical response flies in the face of the official policy even under Mamdani, which

SHIPSHAPE

Homeless-camp mess by Intrepid

Matthew McDermott (3); Daniel William McKnight

state that homeless encampment sweeps are performed through a seven-day process, starting with placing a notice at each site, followed by daily check-ins to offer people shelter services before the locations are cleared.

Officials confirmed to The Post that complaints about the encampments near the Intrepid have repeatedly come in to both the NYPD and Department of Human Services, with calls on July 1, July 5, July 6 and July 8 this month alone.

A security guard at the Intrepid parking lot said the encampments haven't created problems for his team, but they've been a persistent annoyance for the general public. "You get a lot of joggers that have to jump over them," he said.

'It's the stench'

One of the homeless-hurdling runners, Rashid Mak, 37, said he passes the encampment daily during his morning jog.

"They don't give me an issue, but them being here is the issue," he said. "It's the stench, it's the trash, garbage. Just loitering here, littering."

He added: "Obviously, it just kind of fosters that environment where it's more tolerable for that kind of behavior."

Two workers sitting in the Intrepid parking lot on their lunch break Friday said the gates used to be open for those living in the encampment but that they were closed a few months ago because of the constant littering and the large number of schools and families bringing children by on their way to the museum.

Liam James, who lives at the West 46th Street encampment, said the Mamdani administration was initially trying to clear everyone off the streets but seems to have shifted tactics to focus on sending sanitation crews to pick up trash and outreach workers for wellness checks.

"With Eric Adams when they talked about sweeps ... they would literally come in, they'd arrest me and then throw everything away. That was the way it was before," he said.

"And then the newer mayor has been more keen on well, during heightened weather, like, when it's stormy, taking action."

Additional reporting by Carl Campanile, Craig McCarthy and Hannah Fierick

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'Meeting' scorn for attempt at Iran talks

A defensive Mayor Mamdani tried to downplay his international affairs commissioner's boneheaded attempted meeting with the anti-US Iranian ambassador — as he faced heat from aghast GOP lawmakers Friday.

Mamdani said he never knew about Commissioner Ana Maria Archila's scheduled — and thwarted — confab this week with Amir-Saeid Iravani, Iran's permanent representative to the United Nations, until he received a press inquiry about it.

He repeatedly stressed the sitdown never took place and chalked it up to a scheduling snafu.

"The commissioner recognizes that this was made in error and we're working on a new process in terms of new meeting requests," he told reporters at an unrelated event. "Again, this was a request that came into the office, not one that originated from the office."

The highly unusual would-be meeting between a Big Apple official and top diplomat from Iran — a nation hostile to the US even before the current war — caused President Trump's State Department officials to intervene.

The city office already has multiple layers of checks and balances in place to avoid such a glaring gaffe, so it appears Archila would have sidestepped proper protocols to set the meeting, according to insiders.

But it also wasn't the first time Mamdani or someone in his administration tried to meet with a controversial foreign official.

The mayor himself planned a face-to-face with Colombia's outgoing leftist president Gustavo Petro — a June meeting that was also kiboshed by the Trump administration.

After Archila's Iranian misadventure was exposed Thursday, Republican City Council members sent her a scathing letter demanding answers over the meeting and the international affairs office's seeming drift into foreign diplomacy.

Craig McCarthy

Muslim America's opinion of Hamas

NurPhoto via Getty Images

Half back terror

By ANTHONY BLAIR

Almost half of Muslim Americans support the terror group Hamas, while views of Israelis have soured since 2022 among Republicans and Democrats, a bombshell new poll found

The startling survey also found that young Americans of all religions are now far more likely to hold favorable views of Palestinians over Israelis, marking a drastic change since Hamas' deadly Oct. 7 rampage.

Some 44% of Muslim American respondents expressed a favorable opinion of the terror group, compared with 17% of black Protestants, just 4% of white evangelical Protestants and 8% of Catholics, according to a Pew Research Center survey published Thursday.

Meanwhile, only 26% of Muslim Americans had a favorable view of the Israeli people, compared with 74% of white evangelical Protestants, 51% of Catholics and 55% of black Protestants, results revealed.

The survey was met with disgust by many prominent Muslims online. "Most of these losers who express approval for Hamas never lived under an authoritarian and tyrannical government like Hamas," British-Palestinian writer John Aziz wrote on X.

"This is absolutely delusional behavior for them to support Hamas. Performative clowns."

The findings were similar to those of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, according to Muslim scholar Hussain Abdul-Hussain, research fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

Rejecting peace

"Pew poll showing 44 percent of Muslims in America support Hamas squares with Palestinian polls, as surveyed by the Palestinian" Center for Polling and Survey Research, Hussain, who authored "The Arab Case for Israel," wrote on X.

"The question … is … how can Israel make peace with a Muslim population whose majority rejects it?" he added.

Another Muslim X user, Maliq, claimed that the issue wasn't so simple.

"Some Muslims support Hamas because they see them as a resistance group fighting against what they view as oppression and occupation," he wrote on X.

'That's the reason behind their support, even though others strongly disagree with Hamas' actions and methods."

In the Big Apple, cab driver Ali Muhammed, who sat outside the Assafa Islamic Center on the Lower East Side on Thursday, was dismissive of Hamas.

"We want that war [in Gaza] to be stopped. We want all wars to be over," said Muhammed, 55, who is from Sudan.

"We are not supporting Hamas. We are just really upset to see innocent people get killed in Palestine and we want that to stop right away."

A new poll shows nearly half of all Muslim Americans support Hamas:

44%

of Muslim Americans have a favorable opinion of Hamas

26%

of Muslim Americans have a favorable view of the Israeli people

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END THE SIEGE ON GAZA NOW!
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GAZA RESISTS
GAZA REMAINS

Wouldn't bash US, Israel, so no book

A book about the Holocaust was "canceled" after the author said he refused his editor's insistence that the introduction include criticisms of Israel for committing "war crimes" in Gaza and the Trump-led US for creating "concentration-style prisons" for migrants.

Rafael Medoff, the author of the book "Cartoonists Against the Holocaust," said he refused to publish what he believed were falsehoods editor Craig Yoe wanted to put in the book contracted to be published by Dark Horse.

Prior to the current controversy, Dark Horse published two of Medoff's other books, "Whistleblowers" and "Cartoonists Against Racism" without incident.

It was only after the October 7, 2023, Hamas invasion of Israel that Yoe began demanding that Dr. Medoff denounce Israel as the price to be paid for publishing his new tome "Cartoonists Against the Holocaust," said Medoff and the Jewish civil rights group StandWithUs.

Yoe sent a Sept. 1, 2025, email to Medoff saying he "thought long and hard" about adding a separate "note" in the book to unload on Israel and the US before its planned publication.

Medoff sent a detailed response to Yoe objecting to slamming Israel and the US.

Yoe has since severed his relationship with the publishing house. Neither Dark Horse nor Yoe would comment on Medoff's allegations. Philip Simon, the legal counsel for Dark Horse, said it canceled the book, but made no mention of any political controversy.

Carl Campanile

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Kate doing great

Back in attendance at a UK charity polo event after two years fighting cancer, Kate Middleton gets a highly unusual public peck on the cheek from hubby Prince William.

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Andrew probers visit US

UK cops probing former Prince Andrew are set to travel to the US to speak with the family of his now-deceased, longtime accuser Virginia Giuffre, according to reports.

Officers from Thames Valley Police — the constabulary investigating Andrew for potential sexual offenses — are set to visit the US in the coming weeks to speak with Giuffre's brother and sister-in-law, Sky and Amanda Roberts, the Times of London reported.

Giuffre's family believes the constabulary has been "very proactive" when it comes to investigating the allegations leveled against the ex-royal, according to the Times.

Officers have already asked for case files and are likely to speak with Andrew's former protection officers, the report said.

Andrew has always denied any wrongdoing — but paid Giuffre at least $14 million in an out-of-court settlement in February 2022.

Giuffre died by suicide in April 2025 age 41.

Chris Bradford

A ROYAL REUNION ABROAD

King hosts Harry brood

By JOLIE ZENNA
and SARA NATHAN

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's kids have reunited with grandfather King Charles for the first time in four years.

Buckingham Palace confirmed that Charles and Queen Camilla hosted Harry, Markle and their two children — Prince Archie, 7, and Princess Lilibet, 5 — at Highgrove House Friday.

Photos of their reunion at the king's private country residence in Gloucestershire, England, are not expected to be released.

The last time Charles, 77, reunited with his grandkids was in 2022 when they attended Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.

The family's return to England comes amid uncertainty over Markle and the kids making the trip across the pond amid security concerns.

meghan/Instagram

WE ARE FAMILY: (From above left) Prince Harry, Prince Archie, Princess Lilibet, and Meghan Markle traveled to Britain to visit King Charles at Buckingham Palace on Friday despite being denied security.

Denied security

In June, Page Six reported the entire family — who live in Montecito, Calif. — would be traveling across the pond to reunite with Charles.

However, by July, those plans were scrapped after they were denied taxpayer-funded security.

"Their plans to see family, friends and visit various charitable causes close to the duke's heart have been pulled out from under their feet at the 11th hour," a source told the Guardian at the time.

Per the insider, the Duke of Sussex, 41, was "looking at every option to try and get" Markle, 44, and their kids to England "safely and keep them safe when they're on the ground."

After deciding on the best course of action, Harry traveled to the UK on his own earlier this week to promote various charities.

He also kicked off the one-year countdown to the 2027 Invictus Games in Birmingham.

However, by Thursday, Page Six confirmed that "Suits" alum Markle and the little ones would actually make it across the pond.

Though they are not making any public appearances as a family, our insider told us they hope to visit Princess Diana's burial site at Althorp Estate in Northamptonshire.

Harry, the author of "Spare," lost security privileges in 2020 after he and his wife resigned from their royal duties.

Trump's *will* to level Iran

Standing orders if killed

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS

President Trump on Friday told The Post he has "left instructions" should Iran succeed in their plots to assassinate him — and there'll be hell to pay.

"I've been on their list for a long time. That's what we're dealing with," he said. ". . . The only thing is, I've left instructions — if anything happens, to just literally bomb them at levels that they've never seen before."

Asked about recent reports that Israel this week flagged intel of a plot to take out the US president, Trump indicated there was no fresh plan from Iran — but said Tehran has wanted him dead for years.

"No, no. Israel came up with nothing. No, no," he said. "I've been No. 1 [on Iran's kill list] for a long time, and it's the way life is, you know."

"I hope you'll miss me," he added, sounding resigned to the reality that Tehran will never stop trying to off him.

Iranian bloodlust

Later Friday, CNN reported that the Israeli intelligence shared with the US was unspecified and did not include a formal plot, but rather involved information that Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Commander Ahmad Vahidi wanted Trump dead.

Iran has openly sought the president's assassination since 2020, when Trump directed the attack that killed Iranian military officer Qasem Soleimani.

US-Iran tensions have been supercharged in public this week. During the funeral for the killed supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iranian demonstrators unfurled giant banners calling for Trump's killing.

"Why shouldn't we kill the one who killed my imam and my leader?" a eulogist at one of the memorial events said this week, according to Iranian media. "Trump's killing is our duty. . . . Why is the most despicable man in the world still alive?"

Trump in early 2025 mentioned leaving instructions to "obliterate" Iran should they assassinate him, but his comments on Friday seemed more urgent following the massive displays and calls for his death in Iran this week.

Reuters

OUT FOR BLOOD: An Iranian displays a sign calling for the death of President Trump during the funeral for Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

New squeeze on mullah's moolah

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent imposed sanctions Friday on Iranian Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei's alleged Dubai-based moneyman Ali Ansari, three Iranian currency exchanges and alleged front companies in Hong Kong and the UAE that link Tehran's banks to the global economic system.

Bessent announced the latest financial squeeze following two nights of resumed US airstrikes on Iran and a third conducted by an unknown country — prompted by Iranian attacks Monday and Tuesday on three commercial ships in the Strait of Hormuz.

"The so-called Supreme Leader is hiding in seclusion while his regime crumbles. Treasury will continue using every tool at its disposal to isolate him and other regime elites from the global financial system," Bessent said. "We will preserve these assets for the Iranian people."

A statement from the Treasury Department says Ansari "oversees a sprawling global network of assets benefitting Iran's leader."

Steven Nelson

US amps up naval presence in region,

By EMILY GOODIN and CAITLIN DOORNBOS

WASHINGTON — The US on Friday issued a stark ultimatum to Tehran as President Trump sent an armada of warships back toward Iran.

Iran must publicly declare this weekend that the Strait of Hormuz is safe and open — or Trump will start exercising all his options, US officials warned on Friday as the two nations stood, once again, on the brink of war.

Iranian officials will be in Oman on Saturday as mediators try to calm the waters. The US expects Iran to issue a statement on safe passage through the strait after the meeting.

"What we're demanding is that the Iranians issue a public statement that acknowledges all channels of the Strait of Hormuz are open and they're not shooting at ships anymore," a US official said. "They're either going to give us that statement, or we're not going to have a good outcome."

If Iran leaves the Oman meeting without a statement, there will be consequences, US officials said.

Words of warning

"If it's not their position, then it's not going to be a great day for them," one official said Friday.

Trump already declared the cease-fire "over" and authorized a two-day military air campaign that hit about 170 Iranian targets this week. Certain US officials dubbed the mission "Operation B---h Slap" to convey the internal estimation that the onslaught will be painful but brief barring further escalation from Tehran.

Trump authorized more talks but said there will be payback on the level of 20 to 1 if Iran keeps attacking.

The words of warning came after Trump sent an armada of ships — including two aircraft carriers — toward the coast of Iran as part of the pressure campaign to keep the critical strait open and safe.

Trump has threatened to restart the naval blockade on Iranian ports.

Maritime trackers on Friday spotted the USS Abraham Lincoln and USS George H.W. Bush entering the Gulf of Oman — a move experts in military planning say would be necessary to re-establish the blockade that crippled the Iranian economy.

"More than 20 US Navy warships are patrolling waters across the Middle East as CENTCOM forces continue promoting regional security and stability," US Central Command posted to X this week.

Asked about restarting the blockade that choked off supplies to Tehran, CENTCOM declined to comment on "operational updates."

'Closer to threat'

The aircraft carriers were spotted within Iran's missile range, raising their risk level, according to the trackers.

"I think forces move in and out, but generally as we get ships ready for blockade and support for strait transits, ships will get closer to Iranian threat," Foundation for Defending Democracies senior fellow retired Rear Adm. Mark Montgomery told The Post.

The pressure campaign marks a dire turnaround from a month ago, when Trump signed a Memorandum of Understand-

THE BATTLE FOR IRAN

issues dire ultimatum on strait

IRAN'S FATE COULD BE 'SEAL'ED: The Trump administration sent an armada of warships toward Iran as the US demanded that Tehran declare the Strait of Hormuz open or face consequences.

TEHRAN OUT OF TIME

ing with Iran that would extend a cease-fire for 60 days, end the blockade, reopen commercial shipping routes and lift oil sanctions on Tehran.

But Trump declared on Wednesday the cease-fire deal "over" following Tehran's attacks on three commercial ships in the Strait of Hormuz. Trump unleashed two nights of airstrikes on Iranian targets, calling the regime "sick," "scum" and "crazy."

The US has already reinstated the oil sanctions and is moving into position to restart the blockade should Iran not issue the public statement.

Failing grade

Commercial shipping in the strait had slowed to a near standstill by Thursday after Tehran's attacks on Qatari and Saudi commercial tankers.

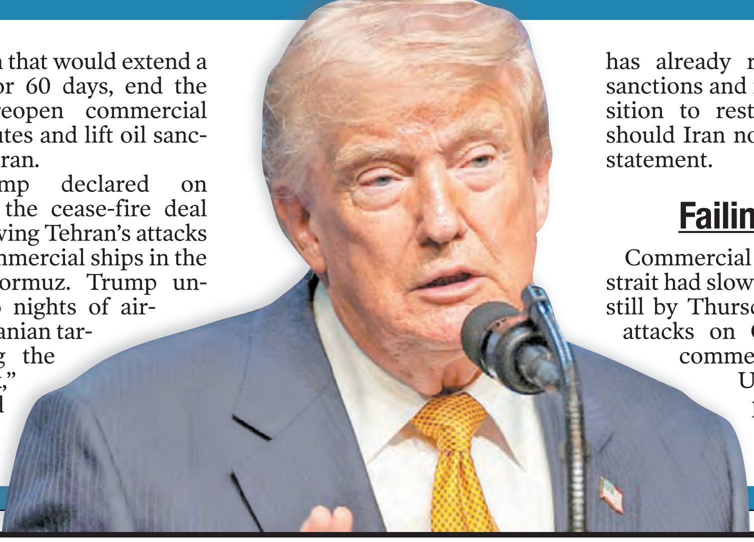
US officials expressed frustration that Iran was "reneging" on the deal made in the memorandum of understanding.

One official gave Tehran an "F" for its adherence to the terms.

Trump is losing patience, a third official warned.

"President Trump is giving us the space to see if we can conclude that," the official said of US-Iran talks. "But not a lot of space and not a lot of time."

"There's a lot of people who are planning for if we can't make a deal, and the myriad of options that are available to the president are quite large and big in range," the official warned.



Envoy: Lebanon, meet Abraham

President Trump's efforts to reshape the Middle East could eventually deliver his most improbable diplomatic prize yet: bringing Lebanon into the Abraham Accords after decades of hostility with Israel.

Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon told The Post that if Lebanon succeeds in pushing Hezbollah from the country's south and reestablishing government control over its territory, normalization with Israel is no longer out of the question.

"I think it can be dramatic," Danon said when asked what a Hezbollah-free Lebanon could mean for the region. "We will be very happy to see normalization — even seeing them joining the Abraham Accords."

Such a breakthrough would mark one of the biggest expansions of the Trump-brokered accords since they were first signed in 2020, extending Israel's diplomatic recognition with Arab states and reshaping alliances across the Middle East.

The vision aligns with a broader Trump administration effort to help Lebanon reclaim full sovereignty by eliminating Hezbollah's military grip over the country's south, a US official told The Post this week.

"The Trump Administration is working to achieve a sovereign Lebanon that isn't being threatened internally by Hezbollah, and Hezbollah cannot use southern Lebanon to pose a threat to neighbors," the official said.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Vice President JD Vance both held high-level calls with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Lebanese President Joseph Aoun to help push the agreement over the finish line.

The US official said one substantial point of agreement during negotiations was that both Israel and Lebanon shared the same concern about Tehran's influence.

"Even when Lebanon and Israel were disagreeing on everything, they agreed they didn't want Iran meddling in their affairs," the official said. *Caitlin Doornbos*

RESIGNATION $TATION

MTA lawyer out after Post report

By PETER SENZAMICI

The MTA's top lawyer is abruptly stepping down at the end of July with no successor immediately named — just months after The Post revealed the agency's legal costs ballooned under her tenure.

MTA General Counsel Paige Graves — who made nearly $100,000 more than Gov. Hochul in 2025 — quietly announced her resignation in a June 30 email obtained by The Post.

"After 14 remarkable years with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, I have decided that the time has come for me to begin a new chapter," the email begins, noting her last day with the agency will be July 31.

Graves' departure caps a turbulent season for the transit authority's legal department, coming on the heels of a Post investigation in May that detailed how the allegedly cash-strapped agency has outsourced millions of dollars in legal work to high-priced private law firms.

'Forced out'

The MTA admitted it had paid more than $10 million to six law firms in recent years but refused to reveal how much in taxpayer cash was being used to pay outside lawyers to represent the agency.

Insiders couldn't confirm why Graves (right) was leaving.

"It seems like she's been forced out," one source said, noting that a departure from MTA executive leadership would normally be announced months ahead of time — alongside a widespread notice that would include the name of the staffer's successor.

An MTA spokesperson denied that Graves was being ousted and claimed there was nothing unusual about her moving on.

"Paige Graves advised MTA leadership months ago of her plans to take on new opportunities outside the organization, agreeing to wrap up priority projects through the end of this month," the agency's communications director, Tim Minton, told The Post, calling her five years as general counsel "momentous."

Minton confirmed that, despite the alleged "months" of notice, the MTA did not have a planned successor for Graves, adding the agency was "conducting a national search."

The former Manhattan prosecutor has served as the MTA's legal leader since 2022, leading a team of 350 attorneys, and was paid over $344,000 in 2025, according to public records.

By contrast, the governor's salary last year was $250,000, while the MTA CEO Janno Lieber earned almost $470,000 in total pay, records show.

During her time as the agency's legal boss, Graves navigated choppy legal waters, including congestion pricing, federal funding for the Second Avenue Subway expansion and a massive accessibility settlement over the system's lack of elevators.

MTA

Some of the MTA's eye-watering settlements under Graves' tenure included:

- **$90 million jury verdict in 2024 for man who lost an arm and a leg in a train strike.**
- **$72.5 million jury verdict in 2024 for a cancer patient hit by a bus and paralyzed.**
- **$82 million jury verdict in 2024 for a student tourist who lost an arm and a leg in a train strike.**
- **$22.75 million jury verdict in 2025 for a delivery worker who lost five toes in a train strike.**
- **$53 million jury verdict in 2024 for an off-duty NYCTA bus driver who was hit by a bus.**

Violations pre-UES outbreak

More than half of the Upper East Side water-cooling towers under investigation for a Legionnaires' disease outbreak were dinged by health officials during their latest inspections, The Post has learned.

The violations — issued between March 2025 and March 2026 at roughly 59% of the cooling centers in the three ZIP codes under the city's probe — include failing to perform regular monitoring and cleaning and failing to submit *Legionella* test results to the health department, as required by law, records show.

The sites with the highest number of violations in the Carnegie Hill and Yorkville neighborhoods include 1520 York Ave., with nine violations, and 1101 Lexington Ave., with seven violations.

Both were dinged with cleaning, monitoring, chemical use and *Legionella* sampling infractions in February.

Eight cooling towers in the affected area were not collecting, recording, analyzing or submitting *Legionella* samples to the city, as mandated by law, since March 2025, according to records.

Meanwhile, more than 200 water cooling towers across the city were flagged for violations during the same period. *Nicole Rosenthal and Greg Carlton*

B'klyn 'road rage' crash

Wild video shows the moment two drivers — one allegedly intoxicated — smashed into a Brooklyn building in a suspected road rage showdown that injured an innocent bystander, police and sources said.

The footage shows a pedestrian along Fulton Street in Bedford-Stuyvesant around 11:15 p.m. Tuesday when two cars — a black Cadillac and BMW — sped into view after tearing through a red light, according to cops. The 20-year-old bystander managed to leap out of the way as both cars nearly hit him, with the BMW slamming into the building. *Joe Marino*

Customers in dark at padlocked photo biz

This situation is full of negatives.

A struggling Brooklyn darkroom permanently shuttered its doors this week — but not before allegedly tossing its clients' artwork out on the street in a free-for-all.

The Bushwick Community Darkroom callously dumped pink and maroon lockers filled with client's belongings onto Himrod Street on Monday after announcing it could no longer afford rent, former members alleged.

One heartbroken member told The Post they lost photograph paper and negatives that were stashed inside a bolted locker — but that the lock had been cut and their items were stolen either off the street or inside the darkroom.

Members of the darkroom and film lab said the closure came without warning and that they weren't given any time to collect the items that they paid up to $300 per month to store at the facility. *Katherine Donlevy*

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Minny fraud ’fess

PLAYTIME’S UP: Daycare center owner Fahima Mahamud pleaded guilty to filing false claims for more than $4.6 million. Mahamud, featured in YouTuber Nick Shirley’s viral video, used most of the ill-gotten gains to buy real estate.

KARE 11; Sherburne County Jail; X / Nick Shirley

‘Bogus childcare’ fiend guilty

By CHRIS NESI

A Minnesota daycare center owner featured in YouTuber Nick Shirley’s viral video showcasing alleged bogus childcare facilities has admitted that she defrauded the US government out of millions of dollars — which she used, in part, to buy up real estate.

Fahima Mahamud, CEO of Future Leaders Early Learning Center in Minneapolis — which was featured in Shirley’s December video round-up of questionable facilities around the Twin Cities — pleaded guilty Thursday to one count of wire fraud and one count of conspiracy to defraud the US.

Tried to flee US

According to prosecutors, between October 2022 and November 2025, Mahamud filed claims for more than $4.6 million from the Child Care Assistance Program — a federal program that provides daycare assistance for low-income families — on behalf of recipients who never paid the required co-payment.

According to prosecutors, Future Leaders also received over $850,000 between January and July 2021 through Feeding Our Future, a Minnesota food program that bilked taxpayers out of $250 million and led to charges against 79 individuals involved in the fraud, many of them of Somali descent.

Mahamud used most of the money to purchase real estate, according to an affidavit.

Prosecutors said Mahamud claimed to serve tens of thousands of meals to hungry children at the center each month, but actually “served only a fraction of those claimed meals,” court documents state.

She closed down Future Leaders in February — and tried to flee the US for London two days later.

Mahamud’s sentencing date has not been set.

Aimee Bock, the mastermind behind the scheme, was handed a stunning four-decade prison sentence in May for helming what prosecutors called one of the largest pandemic-era fraud schemes in the country.

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O, no! Ex-Bam aide’s ‘drug-fueled theft’

A former Barack Obama press secretary was fired from his chief communications role in Minneapolis after allegedly stealing cash and credit cards from city employees to fuel his habit for kratom — a natural drug used to treat opioid withdrawal.

Adam Fetcher, 42, was canned from his role as chief communications Officer for the City of Minneapolis after a year on the job amid a police investigation into internal workplace theft and fraud, as well as claims of substance abuse, the Minnesota Star Tribune reported.

Fetcher, who made nearly $200,000 a year, is accused of stealing cash and credit cards out of the desks and purses of three fellow city hall employees, racking up hundreds of dollars in fraudulent charges at tobacco stores, reported the Star Tribune, citing sources familiar with the investigation.

Security surveillance footage reportedly shows Fetcher using one of the stolen cards to buy $481 of kratom — a herbal supplement often used to manage opioid withdrawal symptoms — at a south Minneapolis smoke shop, reported the outlet.

Under state law, card fraud of that amount would qualify as a felony-level offense if prosecutors decide to charge Fetcher.

The alleged thefts took place between May and June, just weeks after Fetcher returned from a work-approved rehab center for an unspecified substance use disorder.

In February, he took nine weeks of personal leave for treatment, returning to his duties in mid-April.

Anthony Blair

10 die in Bahamas air crash

A horrific plane crash in the Bahamas killed all 10 passengers on board Friday, just hours after another aircraft shockingly burst into flames.

Disturbing video on social media showed the wreckage of the Cessna 402C Flamingo Air flight strewn across a wooded area in North Andros, located in waters just west of Nassau, where celebrations were underway for the country’s Independence Day.

The plane crashed just after 1 p.m., not long after departing Lynden Pindling International Airport in Nassau for San Andros, according to initial reports from the Aircraft Accident Investigation Authority.

The aircraft reportedly encountered midair difficulties before crashing, according to the AAIA.

One person on board survived the crash but later died from their injuries, Commissioner of Police Shanta Knowles confirmed at a press conference, local newspaper the Tribune reported.

The Bahamian government temporarily grounded all Flamingo Air flights in the wake of the tragedy.

Earlier, a Flamingo Air flight burst into flames after being forced to return to Nassau following complaints from the pilot.

Anthony Blair, Wires

Remains at vacant site

Skeletal remains were discovered in a vacant Manhattan brownstone where a homeless veteran was reportedly living, according to reports and authorities.

Officers stumbled upon the skeletonized body after responding to a call at the building on East 115th Street between Second and Third avenues in East Harlem around 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, according to the NYPD.

A representative for the building owner first found the bones while checking on the three-story, vacant row house, Gothamist reported.

An investigation remains ongoing. *Zoe Hussain*

TYLER ROBINSON
Charged in Kirk slaying.

Final Utah court vid battle

Tyler Robinson's team made a last-ditch effort to kick news cameras out of all future court proceedings Friday after a major piece of evidence was accidentally shown on camera — as they kept Charlie Kirk's alleged assassin off the witness stand.

Utah District Judge Tony Graf ruled that media couldn't broadcast images of any new exhibits, but cameras could keep rolling on the final day of the preliminary hearing that will determine if the 23-year-old accused killer will stand trial.

The ruling blocked a surveillance video prosecutors said depicts Robinson on a Utah Valley University rooftop where he allegedly fired a single bullet that hit Kirk in the neck while he was speaking to students.

Kirk's widow, Erika, turned and embraced his mother, Kathryn, who was crying as the video played. The pair looked away until the footage was nearly over.

The judge will make his final ruling after oral arguments Sept. 1 — nearly a year after the Turning Point USA founder was gunned down while speaking at UVU.

Jared Downing, with wires

Sleepwalking kid 'drowns'

A 10-year-old Missouri boy who wandered off from his home in the middle of the night while sleepwalking was found dead in a pond, according to police.

Jackson S. Georgari was found unresponsive in the water around 12:30 p.m. on Thursday in Kansas City — about a mile south from the boy's home where he was last seen about 12 hours earlier, according to Kansas City police. *Patrick Reilly*

Maybe it's breast to split: Noem's ma

G'BYE TO BIG BOOB HUBBY

DONE: Former DHS Secretary Kristi Noem is washing her hands of fake-breast-wearing husband Byron (inset), according to her mother.

Paul Martinka; obtained by the Daily Mail

By SAMUEL CHAMBERLAIN
and STEVEN NELSON

Former Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem is divorcing her cross-dressing husband Bryon, the ex-South Dakota governor's mother claimed in a new interview.

"It has been difficult, but we knew this was coming, that they were going to get divorced," Corinne Arnold told the Daily Mail at her home next door to the ranch where the Noems lived and raised three children.

Arnold said that her daughter confided her plans in late spring — not long after photos surfaced of Bryon, 56, wearing enormous fake breasts while chatting with a fetish performer.

It's unclear if Kristi Noem, who has allegedly carried on a yearslong affair with former Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski, changed her mind in recent months, and no divorce filings have surfaced.

Arnold said that she learned the news when the family went to the birthday party of the scandal-plagued couple's grandchild.

"She doesn't tell me what she thinks. Finally, I said: 'What's the deal? Are you going to get together again?' And she said: 'No. No. We're going to get a divorce,' " Noem's mother told the Mail.

Breasts augmented

"And I said: 'Who is your lawyer?' And she said it was somebody from Sioux Falls."

The outlet reported in late March that Bryon Noem chatted up women from the so-called "bimbofication" fetish scene, in which adult performers augment their breasts with massive amounts of saline to achieve a "Barbie doll"-like appearance — and even indulged in the trend himself.

President Trump fired Noem from her DHS job March 5, shortly before the embarrassing disclosure.

The "final straw" for Trump was Noem's performance at a congressional hearing one day earlier, where she refused to answer a point-blank question about rumors she had "sexual relations" with Lewandowski, administration sources told The Post.

Her non-denial — after Byron, her husband of 34 years, joined her in the hearing room — was widely seen as an admission of infidelity.

Noem's mother insisted, however, that she wasn't having an affair with Lewandowski.

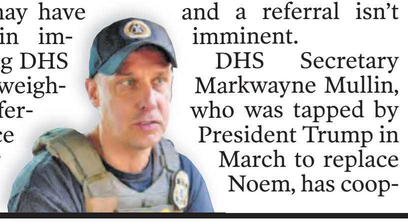
"Kristi would never do that," she claimed. "That's not how I brought my kids up. And Corey's got his own wonderful family and little kids."

Trump also was frustrated that Noem claimed that he approved a $220 million DHS ad campaign starring the secretary herself, sources said.

'Fed contract' heat on Lewandowski

Former "special government employee" Corey Lewandowski could be facing a criminal referral amid a federal watchdog's investigation into Department of Homeland Security contracting during the tenure of now-fired DHS Secretary Kristi Noem's tenure, according to a report.

The DHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) has found evidence Lewandowski (inset) may have been involved in improperly awarding DHS contracts and is weighing sending a referral to the Justice Department for potential prosecution, the Wall Street Journal reported on Friday.



The probe is ongoing, and a referral isn't imminent.

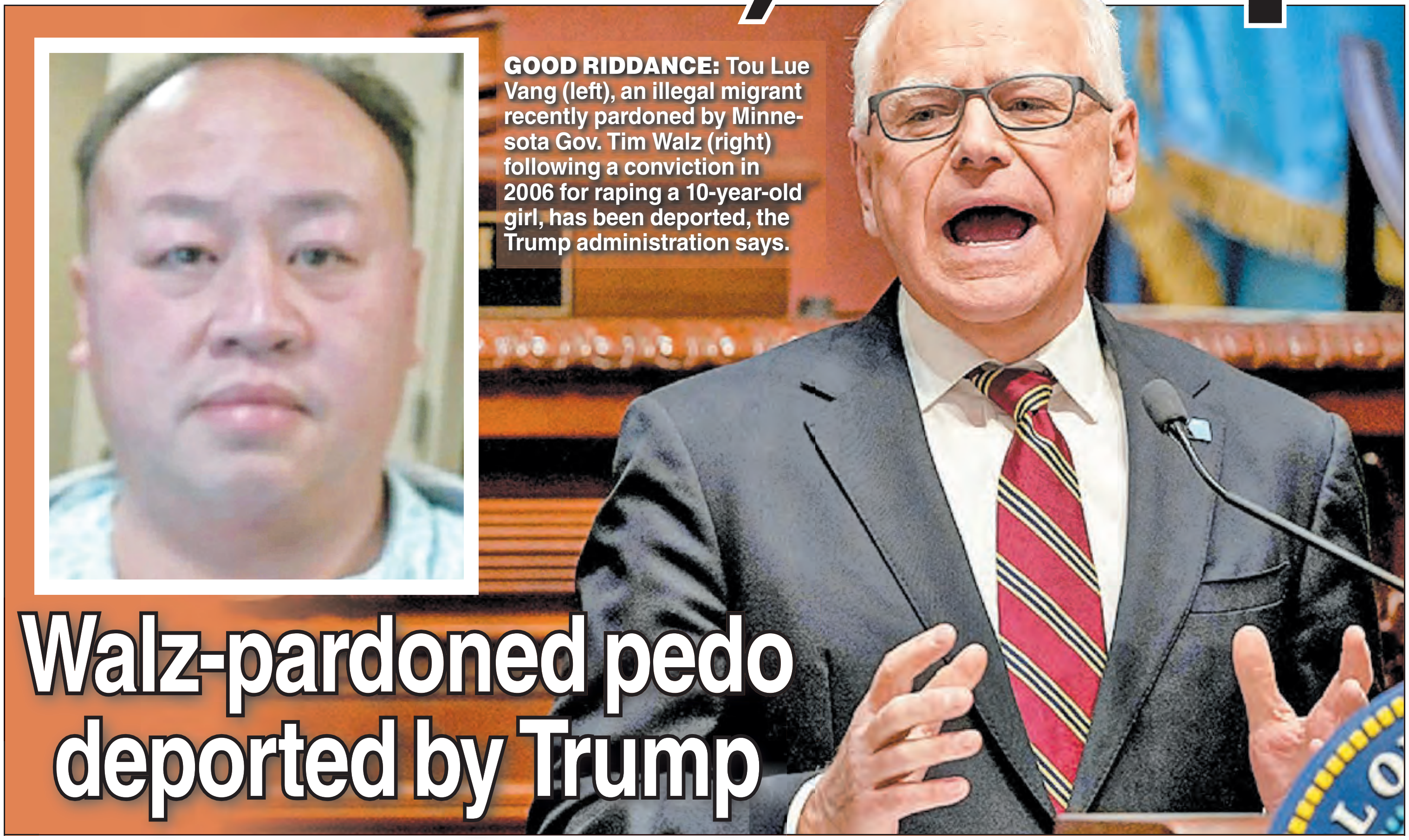
DHS Secretary Markwayne Mullin, who was tapped by President Trump in March to replace Noem, has cooperated with investigators and has briefed White House officials on some of the probe's findings, according to the Journal.

Lewandowski, through a representative, denied issuing contracts while at DHS and told the outlet he hadn't been contacted by investigators.

The White House referred The Post to DHS for comment.

The Post previously reported that DHS Inspector General Joseph Cuffari was investigating hundreds of millions of dollars in DHS contracts approved under the former secretary and Lewandowski. *Victor Nava*

Get 'Laos,' creep!



GOOD RIDDANCE: Tou Lue Vang (left), an illegal migrant recently pardoned by Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz (right) following a conviction in 2006 for raping a 10-year-old girl, has been deported, the Trump administration says.

DHS; Star Tribune

Walz-pardoned pedo deported by Trump

By SAMUEL CHAMBERLAIN

The Trump administration said Friday it had deported an illegal migrant from Laos who was pardoned last month by Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz following his conviction more than two decades ago for raping a 10-year-old girl.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio said in a video posted to X that he revoked Tou Lue Vang's legal status earlier this week following his clemency receipt June 10.

"As a result, federal agents took him into custody, and as of today, he has been removed from the United States," Rubio said. "Because of our action, this foreign criminal will never pose a threat to any American ever again."

Vang had been granted a pardon by the Minnesota Clemency Review Commission (CRC) — headed by Walz, state Attorney General Keith Ellison and state Chief Justice Natalie Hudson — erasing his criminal conviction.

Downplayed his crimes

The predator had been arrested in 2005 and copped to repeatedly assaulting the girl, blaming cultural norms for his conduct.

"He even tried to pay his victim for her silence," Rubio said, "and called those heinous crimes 'minor things.' "

Vang pleaded guilty to first-degree criminal sexual conduct and received a removal order in 2006. He was also given a suspended 12-year prison sentence, 30 years of supervised probation and one year in a county workhouse, of which he served eight months.

Laos has no formal repatriation agreement with the US, but the Trump administration has stepped up pressure on the Southeast Asian nation to take in more deportees.

In a letter to the CRC, Vang cited his years of rehabilitation and claimed he had taken full responsibility for his actions. However, Ramsey County prosecutors opposed his clemency bid, according to The New York Times, with an official claiming that Vang only received a relatively lenient sentence because his victim "was experiencing pressure from her family to not cooperate."

Vang entered the US via California in 1994 during the Clinton administration, which granted him permanent residency, according to the Times.

He was detained in Minnesota late last year during President Trump's "Operation Metro Surge" crackdown on illegal immigration and benefit fraud.

"Americans must not be forced by their elected leaders to live alongside foreign sex criminals who have no right to begin with to reside in our country," Rubio said Friday. "This administration will always stand with the American people and defend them from violent criminals."

Man shot by ICE not target: feds

The illegal migrant gunned down by an ICE agent in Texas this week was not the intended target, federal officials admitted Thursday.

Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, of Mexico, looked like another suspect the agency was tracking — and was killed when he tried to ram his car into ICE officers in an attempt to flee a traffic stop in Houston, the Department of Homeland Security said.

"Our officers conducted surveillance on a target's address. Weeks prior to the incident, they noted two white vans at the property," DHS said in a statement. "Officers were almost at the target's address when they observed a white van with an individual who resembled the target. Officers initiated the vehicle stop."

Rep. Sylvia Garcia (D-Texas) said acting ICE director David Venturella told her his officers thought someone in the van — not Salgado Araujo — had an order of removal but wouldn't provide her with the name.

On Tuesday, the DHS claimed Salgado Araujo had ignored their instructions to pull over and tried to ram an ICE officer — leading the officer to fire in self-defense.

The DHS Inspector General's Office said they are investigating.

Katherine Donlevy, Wires

LORENZO ARAUJO
Drove car at ICE agent

MICHALSKI
Killed on vacation.

12 years in nurse slaying

The Irish man who strangled an American nurse while she was on a Hungarian vacation in 2024 will serve just over a dozen years in jail for the senseless murder.

Mackenzie "Kenzie" Michalski's killer, only identified as LTM, was found guilty of murdering the Fredonia, NY, native during an "intimate encounter" in Budapest on Nov. 5, 2024.

The Budapest Metropolitan Court ordered the suspect to spend 14 years in prison, which was reduced by a year and a half for his time spent in detention before the trial.

Michalski had gone out on the town in Hungary's capital, enjoying her "happy place" when she met the then-37-year-old Irish native at a nightclub.

The two danced before returning to the man's rented apartment.

During the night, Michalski was strangled and beaten to death," police said.

Nicholas McEntyre, Wires

'Concern' for Colombia elex

The US and a group of countries in the Caribbean and Latin America said on Friday they had "deep concern" about statements and actions that cast doubt on the integrity of the electoral process in Colombia.

A joint statement released by the State Department was signed by the US, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guyana, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay and Trinidad and Tobago.

Reuters

Exam error rank revoke

More than 100 Air Force airmen had their promotions revoked after a scoring blunder on a required exam upended this year's process — as officials warned the mistake will be "hard for everyone impacted."

Air Force officials discovered an outdated answer key was mistakenly used to score the Specialty Knowledge Test, an exam used in promotion decisions for security forces airmen, the Air Force announced Tuesday.

The branch was forced to rescind 135 promotions that would've elevated the service members to sergeants and award those slots to other troops who qualified under the updated system.

"We owe it to those affected to address it immediately," Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force David R. Wolfe said.

"This is going to be hard for everyone impacted."

The error came to light after the promotion list had already been released and when an enlisted promotions team member at the Air Force Personnel Center found the wrong scoring key had been used, according to the service.

Officials rescored all 2,285 eligible exams and learned that 135 airmen who had been told they were selected for promotion to technical sergeant no longer met the cutoff score.

Another 135 airmen who were initially passed over will now be promoted instead.

Technical sergeant is a mid-level enlisted rank, and promotions are based on several factors, including performance, time in service and scores on the Specialty Knowledge Test.

After the exams were rescored, 451 of the original 586 selectees kept their promotions. The total number of promotions did not change.

Officials also emphasized that the error was caused by human error — not AI.

Adam Silverstein

BACK ON BOARD

Beach buzzing Apache pilots are reinstated

THE RIGHT COURSE: War Secretary Pete Hegseth (far right) promised to "fix this" after the South Carolina National Guard pilots' impromptu July 4 air show (above).

X / @mattvanswol

By PATRICK REILLY

The eight Apache pilots who were controversially suspended after a "beach Karen" complained about their surprise Fourth of July air show have been reinstated, officials announced.

"Effective immediately, the suspension of all involved South Carolina pilots has been lifted," Pentagon spokesman Sean Parnell posted on social media Friday.

"Carry on Patriots," he added.

The South Carolina National Guard pilots were suspended after a viral video showed the choppers making a low pass over the cheering, flag-waving crowds on the beach during the Salute from the Shore event on Saturday.

The eight pilots received a message immediately after landing, informing them they had been suspended pending an investigation into the flyover, a source close to the pilots told WPDE-TV Military officials began an investigation after receiving complaints about the flyover, the source said.

The South Carolina National Guard stressed that the suspension, which was only from flight operations, was a "routine, non-punitive safety measure — not a disciplinary action."

They added that all soldiers remained "in good standing" and would continue their duties on the ground.

Their main concern was "safety," officials said.

The announcement of the pilots' reinstatement came one day after War Secretary Pete Hegseth promised, "We'll fix this," in a post on X.

The suspensions had sparked outrage among lawmakers.

Shoreline 'Karen'

Rep. Russell Fry (R-SC) responded to the suspensions by demanding that the eight helicopter pilots' flying privileges be restored immediately.

"Leave it to a beach Karen to make a frivolous complaint about the most EPIC flyover ever on Independence Day," he wrote on X.

"Newsflash — we LOVED the flyovers!!! These heroes deserve to be CELEBRATED, not chastised. We stand with each of the Apache pilots!" the pol added.

Echoing Fry, Republican state Rep. Tim McGinnis called the suspensions "ridiculous" in a Facebook post, suggesting that the flying ban could leave the Guard ill-prepared in the event of an emergency.

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Beards stir Hegs' follicle freak-out

Things are getting hairy.

Secretary of War Pete Hegseth was stunned to find during a recent visit to a Navy ship that American forces had been flouting a new Pentagon grooming policy, CNN reported Friday.

Hegseth issued a memo this past September restricting most service members from having beards — but several sailors who greeted the secretary weren't bare-faced, as expected.

That prompted meetings to discuss the implementation of Hegseth's war on what he had called "rampant and ridiculous shaving profiles."

"Want to bring to your attention that the SecWar is paying close attention to the progress of the EEO [Equal Employment Opportunity] reforms," one defense official dealing with civilian personnel policy wrote in a June email.

"The push is to move faster . . . there is a need to revamp some of our timelines," the email stated.

It's unclear which ship prompted the redoubling of shaving efforts, though Hegseth was aboard the USS Boxer in Singapore in May and the USS Carl Vinson in San Diego in June.

"Secretary Hegseth maintains the highest expectations for our service members to uphold the professional standards of appearance, fitness . . . and he continues to emphasize consistent enforcement of hair, weight, and grooming standards," said chief Pentagon spokesman Sean Parnell.

"Commanders at every level are expected to lead by example by meeting these standards, implementing these requirements, and they will be held accountable for delivering results as the department works to restore a culture of excellence and readiness."

Josh Christenson

Online methods of 8 ‘conspirators’

‘Terror’ planning for UFC

By KATHERINE DONLEVY

The eight would-be domestic terrorists accused of plotting a shocking drone attack on the White House during a UFC card last month tried to hide their identities behind asinine code names, authorities say.

“Shriveled Shlong,” “Whiskey Six,” and “Viper of the S.O.G.” were some of the cryptonyms chosen by the motley crew who allegedly used online chat rooms to map out a drone and sniper attack targeting President Trump and other government officials — only to be thwarted when “Prox” was ratted out by his mother.

“This is a classic example of ‘see something, say something’ and how the law-enforcement partnership comes together to keep communities safe . . . This was an excellent case of someone who was concerned by what they were seeing and contacted law enforcement before violence came on,” Jason Cromartie, special agent in charge of the FBI’s Cincinnati office, said Friday.

All eight suspects were indicted Thursday in Columbus, Ohio, federal court on charges of conspiracy to commit murder on federal government territory and to murder a federal government official, as well as conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists.

The plot began taking shape in May, when the octet began amassing money, firearms, ammunition, body armor, explosives, drones, medical equipment and communications equipment, according to the indictment.

Chat groups

Using chat groups and forums on platforms including Signal, Discord, TikTok and Instagram, the conspirators singled out Trump, Vice President JD Vance, trillionaire Elon Musk and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as potential “high-value targets” at the UFC Freedom 250 event held on the South Lawn June 14, prosecutors claim.

“[That] communication network that gave us a road map to a sinister plot targeting the White House complex,” said Jason Rees, special agent in charge of the Secret Service’s Cincinnati field office.

Abraham H. Alvarez, 31, of Omaha, Neb., acted as the group’s leader and operated under the name “Shepard,” prosecutors said.

He and the others developed a hierarchy, with those in “tier one” committing “to put themselves in harms [sic] way, break the law and potentially go into hiding,” according to court documents.

Tycen J. Proper, 19, of Danville, Ohio — operating under the name “Prox” — allegedly spent $3,000 of his “graduation money” on multiple weapons, while 21-year-old William L. S. Falkner of Belfair, Wash., known to his buddies as “Pepsi,” is accused of using a 3D printer to make drones.

Jordan W. Rinker, aka “Shriveled Shlong,” 28, of St. Joseph, Mo.; Chandler D. Scaggs, “Viper of the S.O.G.,” 21, of Chapmanville, W.Va.; and Daniel K. Eskridge, “Fulcrum,” 32, of Hamilton, Mo., were also charged in the plot.

Two others — Michael A. Thomas, or “Whiskey Six,” 32, of Pinon Hills, Calif.; and Bryan O. Roa, or “Noble,” 25, of Calimesa, Calif.; even met up to train in “marksmanship and combat tactics,” the indictment states. All eight face life in prison if convicted of all charges. *With Wires*

SCARY: A hierarchy of commitment, including acquisition of ammo and weapons, allegedly was used by a group (top) plotting a terror attack at the White House.

‘Hush’ trial fed twist

WASHINGTON — The Manhattan prosecutor who led the “hush money” case against President Trump, in which the 45th and 47th president was convicted of 34 counts of falsifying business records, played a larger role in the federal cases against the commander in chief than previously known.

Matthew Colangelo joined Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg’s team in December 2022 after resigning as principal deputy associate attorney general. Colangelo previously served as acting associate attorney general, the third-ranked post in the Biden Justice Department.

Defenders of Colangelo tried to distance him from Trump-related activities at the DOJ, but calendar records obtained by conservative watchdog America First Legal and shared with The Post show that he sat in on key meetings about the once and future president.

At least three of those meetings related to the dispute over national security records held at Trump’s Mar-a-Lago resort that led to his indictment by special counsel Jack Smith.

The May 2024 conviction of Trump marked the first time a former US president had been found guilty of criminal charges.*Ryan King*

‘Smother’ slay wrinkle

The New York mother killed allegedly by her asylum-seeking boyfriend inside her new home in Ireland was suffocated to death, contradicting initial reports from the bloody murder scene.

Jamey Carney’s battered body was found hidden underneath a duvet in her bedroom by her 13-year-old daughter Tuesday morning in the town of Killarney.

Irish police have opened a murder investigation into Carney’s death and are searching for 28-year-old Ahmad Alsaqer, who is believed to have fled the country hours after the alleged killing. *Nicholas McEntyre*

Suicide note in wife-death shover’s cell

The former pastor arrested last month and charged with pushing his wife to her death off a cliff 20 years ago had left a suicide note and will in his jail cell, according to reports.

David Vander Meer, 49 — who was charged over the 2006 death of wife Bernadette Vander Meer — was found face-down and unresponsive inside his cell at the Clark County Detention Center in Nevada, at around 9:30 p.m. on June 24, KSNV reported. Vander Meer was rushed to the University Medical Center in Las Vegas with what police described as “self-sustained injuries.” He was pronounced dead just after 2:35 a.m. the following day.

A “handwritten suicide letter and a handwritten will” were left in his cell, cops said in their report.

Police said he hadn’t expressed any suicidal intentions while being held, awaiting extradition to Utah, where Bernadette’s fatal plunge happened.

No further details about the note and the will have been released. Medical examiners have not yet revealed Vander Meer’s cause of death. *Chris Bradford*

COMMANDS SHAME

‘Sex assault’ charge facing precinct boss

Lone Pine Press for NY Post

By GEORGETT ROBERTS,
TINA MOORE
and MATT TROUTMAN

A Bronx NYPD precinct boss who allegedly told a woman underling “I want to make biracial babies with you” surrendered Friday to face an attempted rape charge at the very same station he once commanded, authorities said.

Inspector Jeremy Scheublin, 45, was arrested after he turned himself in at the 46th Precinct — where one of his officers has accused him of sexual assault, police said.

He later arrived in handcuffs at Bronx criminal court, where he pleaded not guilty as he was arraigned on first-degree attempted rape and first-degree sexual abuse charges.

Bronx assistant district attorney Michael Naughton contended video evidence corroborated the underling’s accusation that Scheublin sexually assaulted her inside his precinct office.

“There is a video in the precinct, not in the inspector’s office,” the prosecutor said. “The video is consistent with the allegations as to what occurs before and after.”

“The victim has various bruises that are documented, that are documented as a result of inspector Scheublin’s sexual assault,” the prosecutor said.

Prosecutors asked for Scheublin to be held behind bars on $150,000 cash bail, but Judge Lawrence Busching set it at $25,000, which Scheublin put up before being later freed.

He was mobbed by a group of supporters, mostly women, after the arraignment.

Colleague’s support

Denise Melendez, a retired NYPD detective, said the accusations against Scheublin were out of character for the man she knew for 17 years.

“He had assistants, he’s worked with females plenty of times, and this is the first time this has come out,” she said.

Scheublin’s defense lawyer Oliver Storch contended the accuser made up the story to score a big payday.

“The complainant bragged to a fellow female officer that she would set up a boss with [a] false claim of sexual assault for financial gain,” Storch told The Post.

“After the incident, she ran to that officer again and said, ‘Back me up on this and we’re going to have sister houses,’ ” he added, contending prosecutors went ahead with criminal charges even after the officer spoke with them.

The Post first reported the accusations against Scheublin detailed in a bombshell lawsuit.

The stomach-churning complaint contended Scheublin violently groped the woman cop after he called her into his 46th Precinct office, allegedly telling her, “I don’t know whether to kiss or choke you.”

Scheublin allegedly lifted the woman off the ground and onto an office couch, where he kissed her, the lawsuit states.

“I want to make biracial babies with you,” Scheublin, who is white, told the black officer, according to the suit.

The violent encounter ended after the woman kicked Scheublin in the groin, the complaint states.

The woman’s accusations prompted an NYPD internal affairs probe in January 2025, officials said.

Scheublin was suspended last week — roughly four months after his accused filed the lawsuit.

CHESTER GREEN
Early pic of “mom slayer.”

‘Killer’ a ‘weird’ kid, says peer

The socially awkward son who allegedly snapped and fatally stabbed his mom in ritzy Scarsdale was disturbingly “off and weird” since grade school, a former classmate revealed.

Chester Green, now 26, displayed creepy behavior, his elementary school classmate exclusively told The Post.

“We definitely had some other kids that were a little off, but as we got to middle school, and grew out of some elementary school behaviors, nobody talked about violence the way he did,” the classmate said. “He would literally come up to people at recess and just scream in their faces — he had this super high-pitched, loud scream — and then he would just walk away.”

Green allegedly slaughtered his mother Marian Green, 71, a beloved Scarsdale community advocate, in their $2.5 million home this week, prosecutors said.

The killing — which took place sometime between Sunday and Tuesday — was the first homicide in a decade in the Westchester County enclave that’s the nation’s wealthiest suburb.

“We all knew he was very off and weird, and just didn’t act right,” said the classmate, who recalled carpooling with Green when they were roughly 13 to an ice skating lesson, where he smacked her much-younger sister’s hand, causing it to swell.

“When we first saw in the news that a woman had been found dead in that house, we all assumed it was him because he’s always been insane.” *Reuven Fenton and Matt Troutman*

‘NJ sicko recorded kid abuse’

A 25-year-old New Jersey woman was busted on child sex crimes charges this week after allegedly sexually assaulting a young child and sharing sickening footage of the abuse on Snapchat.

Victoria Anne Cranmer is accused of recording the vile video on May 6 in the bathroom of a Little Egg Harbor home using a cellphone gifted to her by a former roommate, who discovered the recording when the alleged pervert returned the device, NJ.com reported, citing court documents.

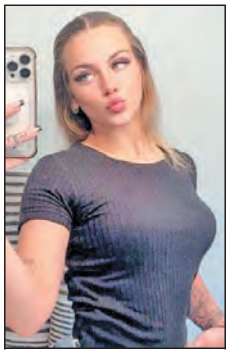
Cranmer was kicked out of her home in May following a falling out with her roommate and was asked to return the phone she received for her birthday, court records show.

The device was left in the mailbox at the home and then Cranmer’s roommate discovered the videos of the alleged sexual abuse, cops say.

Investigators identified Cranmer in the 14-second clip by her tattoos, including one on her leg depicting “boobs,” according to police.

Cranmer was laughing in the footage while she allegedly sexually assaulted the child, who police said was younger than 13.

No attorney information for Cranmer was immediately available. *Kenneth Garger and Ella Morrison*



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‘Scabby the Rat’ stab vid release order

STABBY THE RAT: Pro-union inflatable “Scabby the Rat,” brought to protest labor practices, was knifed in October outside Italian eatery Babbo.

By LISA FICKENSCHER

A Manhattan judge has ordered iconic Greenwich Village restaurant Babbo to hand over video that might identify the person who knifed pro-union inflatable “Scabby the Rat” last year, The Post has learned.

Local 25 claims an employee of the eatery stabbed the gigantic rat during Babbo’s Oct. 27 grand reopening — but it said it needs the restaurant’s CCTV video footage to prove the allegation.

A June 30 Manhattan Supreme Court decision ordered the Italian restaurant to hand over the tape, along with an array of other information, to the union.

That includes the names of diners, possibly staff members at the restaurant that evening and any texts or emails between employees concerning the incident.

Local 25 isn’t actually suing Babbo yet.

But if the video confirms its suspicions, that could change.

‘Hissing sound’

“It shows that the court is taking this very seriously,” union staffer Mike Haack said of the recent court order.

Several squad cars pulled up to Babbo after Haack called 911 the night of the attack, and up to 10 officers marched through the dining room looking for a man with a “little paring knife,” Haack previously told The Post.

Haack had brought “Scabby” to Babbo to protest labor practices by owner Starr Restaurants — operated by Stephen Starr — which also owns Buddakan and Pastis.

At the time of the assault on “Scabby,” Haack was looking in the other direction when he heard a “hissing sound” and observed a man who had just emerged from the restaurant wearing a dark suit similar to the uniform that the wait staff was wearing, he said.

“As I turned, he’s walking and he is holding a knife — a little paring knife,” Haack recounted at the time.

“Then the man holding the knife immediately walks back into the restaurant.”

Moments later, “Scabby” emitted the “hissing sound” from an 8-inch hole on its right thigh.

The police search failed to produce a culprit, and Babbo told the officers they’d need a subpoena to get its surveillance video.

Scabby, which costs about $7,000, was patched up after the incident.

“We use these large balloon rats to exercise our First Amendment rights,” Haack said.

Local 25 reps hospitality workers in the Washington, DC, area, where Starr has restaurants the group wants to unionize.

Starr Restaurants and its legal counsel Troutman Pepper Locke did not respond to requests for comment.

‘Work permit’ reprieve

President Trump’s administration on Friday extended work permits for hundreds of thousands of immigrants with temporary protected status from Haiti and six other countries, hours before they were due to expire.

The administration said work permits for Haitians with temporary protected status will now expire on July 24.

Permits for recipients from Ethiopia, Syria, Somalia, Yemen, South Sudan and Myanmar will end in a week’s time.

The Supreme Court ruled last month that the Trump administration could end temporary protected status for Haitians and Syrians.

Temporary protected status allows people already in the United States to remain in the country and work legally if their home countries are affected by natural disasters, armed conflict or other extraordinary conditions.

Labor groups had urged an extension of the work permissions, arguing that their removal could result in “chaos in workplaces and disrupt key industries.”

Trump says his actions aim at improving domestic security and at securing jobs for US citizens.

Kanishka Singh

Algeria ups Mali ties

Algeria has fully reopened its national airspace to air traffic from Mali, effective Friday, allowing all flights to and from the West African country, Algerian state media reported.

Both countries had closed their airspace to each other’s aircraft in April 2025 after Algeria said its military had shot down a Malian surveillance drone that had violated its airspace. Mali said the drone crashed inside Malian territory.

Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune on Saturday also ordered the return of his country’s ambassador to Mali’s capital, Bamako.

Reuters

White supremacist hit with threat raps: DOJ

A self-identified white supremacist in Pennsylvania was indicted by a federal grand jury after he threatened violence against a member of Congress, Muslims, transgender people and Democrats, the Department of Justice said Friday.

Between February and March, Robert Hlovchiec, 32 — who identified himself as a Nazi and a white supremacist and expressed desires to carry out mass shootings and assassinations — made the threatening remarks in the comment section of YouTube videos, according to the DOJ.

“America is not for sale. America is not a Muslim country,” he wrote, according to the DOJ. “America is a white Christian nation. We are ready to kill and die before foreigner Muslims take over.”

The DOJ quoted him as saying the Congress member — not named in the indictment — “needs to die,” and “if i get the chance I’ll shoot everyone in” the pol’s “family.”

The grand jury indicted Hlovchiec on “charges of interstate threats and influencing, impeding, or retaliating against a federal official by threat,” the DOJ said.

A representative for Hlovchiec could not immediately be reached for comment.

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Warhol table resurfaces

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A forgotten Andy Warhol work made up of handprints is poised to make waves in an Austrian exhibit.

In 1985, restaurateur **Peter Herrero** asked his regulars to paint their own tables at short-lived eatery the Strand, and one habitué got her pal Warhol to help.

Now, Page Six has learned that the table has shown up in Austria — valued at $8 million, and set to be displayed in a museum.

The West 46th Street eatery "was just this tiny little gloomy spot," **Dolly Fox** tells Page Six. "You went downstairs, and it was itty-bitty . . . Nobody was allowed to take pictures, so there was no press. It truly was a blip in history."

But it was lively. The restaurant didn't have a cabaret license, but Fox — who dated **Charlie Sheen** in the 1980s — said staff would lock the door at closing, shove the tables back and customers would dance the rest of the night away.

She tells us that Herrero asked his friends to paint the tables. "[Artist] **Peter Max**, **Christopher Walken** — whoever was around at the time . . . He would've asked all of his superstar friends, but it was spur of the moment," she said.

And Fox, who was an editor at Warhol's Interview magazine — and shows up a number of times in "The Andy Warhol Diaries" — tells us she "called Andy and said, 'Can you go [to the restaurant] with me tomorrow night?' "

"We did [the painting] in 10 minutes," Fox said of the tabletop's multicolored handprints.

The restaurant closed not long after. The table changed hands multiple times over the decades, we're told. Its last owner, collector **Reinhard Diethardt**, purchased it for $2 million in 2005. He recently commissioned **Robert Hofferer**, founder of Artdeluxe and a filmmaker in Vienna, for a museum project dedicated to his collection. "The table will play a central role," Hofferer told us.

Early this year, he contacted Fox because her signature was on the table.

"It's validating that it really exists and it's not in my head," Fox said.

Jen pens farewell

ACTRESS **Jennifer Grey** announced that her mother, Jo Wilder, 94, died "by her own choosing" and "with dignity" one week after being diagnosed with lung cancer. In an Instagram post, Grey said her mom died July 4 "on her own terms . . . understanding that leaving this world with dignity is an honor, not a tragedy." She described Wilder as a "promising young actress on the New York stage" who paused her career to raise Grey and brother **James Katz**. "I love you, Mom. Thank you for showing me how to do it all, even this, with grace," she wrote.

Rome'n to altar

PAULINA Porizkova and **Jeff Greenstein** are married! The couple tied the knot in Italy, they announced Friday. "Just married," they captioned joint posts on Instagram featuring the two embracing and the model (above) showing off her diamond sparkler. In a previous post Wednesday, they noted, "Getting legally married in Italy as an Italian is complicated enough. When you add the combo of two foreign people, you're talking about roughly seven months of paper work." The TV writer, 63, popped the question to Porizkova, 61, in July 2025 after two years of dating.

"You're Welcome"! Auli'i Cravalho, 25, who voiced the titular character in 2016's animated "Moana," seas-es the carpet at the premiere of the live-action film in Washington Heights.

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'Doctored' character

ANNA Nicole Smith's ex **Larry Birkhead** spoke out against the upcoming film "Trust Me, I'm a Doctor," which tells the story of Dr. **Sandeep Kapoor**, who was implicated in Smith's 2007 death. "We absolutely object to any of Anna Nicole's, my life, my daughter's life being used in a movie," Birkhead told "Entertainment Tonight," "and being made characters [by] a doctor that supposedly people were supposed to trust." Based on Kapoor's 2017 memoir, the film, out Oct. 16, will detail his experience being Smith's primary physician before her drug overdose at 39 in 2007. Kapoor was charged with providing excessive prescription drugs to the Playboy model, but he was acquitted following a 2010 trial. **Kal Penn** plays the doctor. Birkhead, who had a daughter, **Dannielynn**, now 19, with Smith, told "ET," "I have filed a complaint with the California medical board over Dr. Kapoor's participation in this movie." As for **Abbie Cornish**, who plays Smith, "I'm sure she's probably a nice girl and a great actress. But I don't think she quite embodied Anna Nicole," Birkhead said. "And that's not really an attack on her."

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'Silence' era over

ANTHONY Hopkins is pivoting to a career in music after 65 years as a revered actor. The "Silence of the Lambs" star, 88, has signed a contract with record label Decca Classics and will release his original compositions on an album next month. "Music was my first desire, my first wish," the two-time Oscar winner (above) said in a statement. "I've been composing music all my life. Some of these pieces have lived with me for decades, and I still find myself returning to them." Decca said the tracks are "inspired by Hopkins' family, Wales and a lifetime of experience."

Roof ride fits Brit's traffic pattern

BRITNEY Spears was spotted standing through the moonroof of a vehicle as it made its way through traffic in Los Angeles on Thursday — just months after her DUI arrest. New photos show the "Oops! . . . I Did It Again" songstress standing tall above traffic while riding in a black Mercedes SUV on the 101 Freeway near Studio City. The Grammy winner, 44, had been traveling from her home in nearby Thousand Oaks. Spears threw her head back passionately and stretched her arms across the roof of the vehicle as the traffic continued, with the vehicles moving around 45 mph at the time. Photos show she wore a mini sundress and whipped her hair around. Eyewitnesses told the Daily Mail she was standing through the moonroof for approximately two minutes before the Mercedes exited the freeway. Spears was also spotted chatting and laughing with the male driver — who wore a white cowboy hat — after they pulled the vehicle into a gas station, where she was photographed browsing the convenience store. "Britney just went through the sunroof for a quick moment," a source told the Daily Mail. "She wanted to see what the traffic was about up ahead because the cars came to a stop." They added that she "wanted to see how long they would be delayed" in traffic. "She used to do this all the time as a kid growing up in the South. She loves having the warm wind blow through her hair in the summer. It's fun . . . She is having a fun summer and is happy, she is in a good place. If it's illegal to put your head through a sunroof, she doesn't know it! She didn't mean to do anything bad." Spears was arrested for driving under the influence on March 4.

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Plat makes splat official

By JOSH CHRISTENSON

Maine Democrat Graham Platner on Friday formally withdrew from his US Senate bid in a letter to state elections officials that signed off with an F-bomb.

Platner posted on X a picture of the letter, which did not share any immediate details about who he hoped would succeed him to face Republican incumbent Sen. Susan Collins in November.

The missive touted the 156,084 votes he had received in Maine's Senate Democratic primary last month, suggesting that his more than 70-percentage-point win showed: "People are desperate for change."

"Mainers voted for a new kind of politics," the letter read. "One that is representative of people down here in the real world — not billionaires, oligarchs or the political establishment."

"Mainers voted for Medicare for All; to ban billionaires from buying elections; and for an end to taxpayer-funded genocide and forever wars," it also stated.

Platner, 41, announced the suspension of his campaign on Wednesday after his ex-girlfriend Jenny Racicot accused him of entering her home without permission and raping her in 2021.

GRAHAM PLATNER
Formally exits Senate race.

The Maine Democratic Party and others withdrew their support in the wake of Politico and CNN interviews with Racicot earlier this week. The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee also said it would refuse to invest in Platner's race if he remained on the ballot.

Platner would have remained the Senate Democratic nominee from Maine had he not withdrawn by July 13 at 5 p.m. Now, state party leaders have until July 27 to organize a nominating convention for a successor.

Maine's Secretary of State's Office confirmed that "a formal notice has been received" from Platner declaring that he has dropped out of the race.

So far, the crowded field of Democrats hoping to replace him on the ballot includes former Maine Senate President Troy Jackson, former public health official Nirav Shah, Maine Secretary of State Shenna Bellows, Maine Beer Co. co-founder Dan Kleban, former Capitol Hill staffer Jordan Wood and social worker Paige Loud.

Democratic Maine state Rep. Valli Geiger has also expressed interest in being considered and claims Platner has encouraged her to run.

Blames others

In a video statement on Wednesday, Platner had blamed "large forces," "corporate media" and the "political establishment" for conspiring to tank his candidacy.

"This was the last week to try to get me off of the ballot. And that's why this is occurring," Platner said, calling for an "open, transparent and democratic" nominating process.

The planned convention is expected to comprise roughly 600 party delegates, of which 100 will be state committee members and 500 will be representatives picked proportionally by county committees.

In addition to his other troubles, offensive posts on Reddit forums were also unearthed — including comments disparaging a Purple Heart veteran and scoffing at victims of sexual assault.

Crude awakening for Russia

The Trump administration will back legislation to sanction Russian oil and gas exports that have been fueling Vladimir Putin's long and bloody war against Ukraine, a bipartisan group of senators announced Friday.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) last year, has already garnered the support of more than 80 senators but has languished on Capitol Hill as President Trump has repeatedly sought to negotiate an end to the four-year-long war.

"We are proud to announce that we have reached an agreement with the Trump Administration to move our updated Russia sanctions legislation forward," Sens. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) and Graham said in a joint statement.

"We are very pleased with this significant progress and expect to roll out the legislation very soon," the senators added.

"As Russia intensifies its slaughter of civilians, it is imperative that the legislative and executive branches work together to create tools to exact a heavy price on those who buy Russian oil and natural gas, fueling the Putin war machine," the senators continued.

The Senate could begin work on the bill as soon as Monday, when it returns from its post-Fourth of July recess.

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Hudson Valley vs. Hamptons:

By MARK ELLWOOD

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GLITZ VS. GREENERY: The influencer scene has seemed to take over the Hamptons, forcing many East End loyalists to explore other areas in the state.

There's a boldfaced brouhaha bubbling up this summer — has New York's quietly elegant, ever-trendier Hudson Valley finally knocked the cash-splashing, high-falutin' Hamptons off its perch as the preferred hideout for NYC's elite?

Nick Ewing thinks so. The 46-year-old commodities exec thought he'd found his forever escape after snapping up an East Hampton pad in 2013 — until the pandemic-era hordes swooped in.

"I love the beach, to get away from the madness of the city. I thought we would live out there, in some form, until we died," he told The Post.

"Then, during COVID, 10 million people moved out to East Hampton. And they never left," he said, describing how the Memorial Day-to-Labor Day retreat became a full-time residence for many, including boldfacers like Jerry Seinfeld and Howard Stern — who has famously been broadcasting from his Southampton home since 2020.

Ewing watched helplessly as the traffic jams and overcrowded restaurants of summer became the all-season norm.

Vibe all wrong

"You can survive that for 16 weekends, but now it's all year 'round," he said, explaining that to make matters worse, the vibe of the new arrivals seemed all wrong.

"We had an influencer move in with the lady next door to us, who was basically having Kardashian-esque parties every weekend," Ewing said. "That's not the scene I went out there for." (Michael Rubin's over-the-top July 4 White Party at his $50M Watermill estate is one such culprit — Kim, Khloe and Kendall Jenner have all been clocked.)

With regret, Ewing sold his place in late 2021, with no plans to buy anywhere else — until his curiosity was piqued by a property for sale in the Hudson Valley.

"It ticked every box," he said of the home in Dutchess County he and his husband ended up buying — just a few weeks later.

"The only thing we miss about the Hamptons is the beach, but I don't even really think about it. There is just so much more to love about being up here," he raved.

Ewing isn't the only wealthy New Yorker opting to go north instead of east these days.

When members club Soho House eyed New York for the second outpost of its winning Farmhouse resort/retreat concept, which originated in the UK (and where Meghan Markle held her bachelorette party, no less), the global brand didn't pick the Hamptons — but rather a vacant estate just outside of the tony upstate town of Rhinebeck.

Down the road in Hyde Park, near the Culinary Institute of America, uber-luxe hotel brand One & Only will also make its debut in the next two years, even selling residences on site. And rumor has it Estelle Manor, another British members' club, will materialize in the same area at some point.

'Hamptons still wins'

All these new developments are taking shape alongside a growing selection of cities, towns and villages that have become hot properties, from Rhinebeck (long jokingly described by some locals as "the missing Hampton") to unbelievably hip Hudson, plus the many wineries, organic farm stands and a rich performing arts scene that are making Hamptons refugees — not to mention a ton of New Yorkers who'd never have chosen the Jitney life — stop thinking about life on the East End at all: they're too busy loving the Hudson Valley.

Of course, the Hamptons remains a shorthand for spendy summers — a retreat with everything from designer stores to a dog-friendly beach or two, the ultimate, time-honored choice for those looking to escape New York.

The elegant area is ever-evolving, too, with new arrivals like East Hampton's reimagined Hedges Inn this summer, which socialite Sarah Wetenhall has transformed after its controversial — and temporary — attempted stint as a beachy branch of NYC A-lister magnet Zero Bond, faved by everyone from Tom Brady to Taylor Swift.

And out in ever-pricier Montauk, LDV's Barlume Beach is another newcomer, amping up the town's fashpack cred. (The biggest name spotted so far: RHONY exile Ramona Singer, who came to the opening.) The polo tournament situation chukkas on, not to mention the countless galas held in fashionable estate backyards during the warmer months.

But is the region's heavily gilded crown about to be snatched by that understated upstate upstart?

Hampton loyalist Carson Griffith is unconvinced. The veteran social chronicler who just started Rich People S--t, a newsletter focusing on the 0.1%, says it's not even a contest.

"I go to the Hamptons all the time, and it still wins: on scale, institutional prestige, the history, the ocean," she told The Post.

Look at Babe's, the brand new, Meg Ryan-luring diner in Sag Harbor, she said, for evidence of the hotspot-making power of the South Fork.

"Even the parking lot turned into a social scene — people are obsessed with it."

Members' clubs like Soho House haven't turned up in the Hamptons, Griffith insists, because the scene there is already self-sorting.

Upstate 'landgrab'

"It already has an existing social infrastructure. Upstate still feels like a landgrab," the insider snarked.

And speaking of landgrabs, there's the East End property market — which crypto money has made more buoyant than ever, according to Douglas Elliman's Enzo Morabito, a longtime realtor in the region.

This summer, the well-known doyen of waterfront manses told The Post, he's anticipating more transactions than even at the peak of the pandemic.

"The towns here become more like Fifth Avenue in the summer, and the No. 1 place to be has to be East Hampton village," he said. For bargains, especially south of the highway, you're looking farther — and farther — afield. For example, $3 million will get you a nice place all the way over in Westhampton Beach — but only if you hurry.

"Even that is going through the roof. It's going to disappear within the next two or three years," Morabito warned.

Hamptons Chronicles writer Rory Satran, an East End fixture for more than 15 years, is another local watcher who sees the momentum continuing to build.

"In the summer, the Hamptons gets extremely social with endless galas and parties," unlike in the Hudson Valley, she told The Post — and even more so lately, with the ratings-topping Bravo

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DUE NORTH ... OR EAST END ELITE?

LET'S EAT! A group gathers for an outdoor dinner at the soon-to-come Soho Farmhouse members resort near Rhinebeck, giving the region added cache.

SOHO FARMHOUSE, HUDSON VALLEY

Adam Fussell

reality show "Summer House" serving as an aspirational commercial for the area.

"It's brought more people to the clubs in Southampton, with a new generation discovering that," she said. Even over the rainy Memorial Day weekend, with weather that could normally keep the moneyed crowd at home, Satran reported the designer boutiques of East Hampton were packed with eager, youthful shoppers.

Alejandro Saralegui, the longtime director of Madoo Conservancy in Sagaponack, insists there's no comparing his chosen home with the northern wilds.

"There's nowhere else within the proximity of any major metropolis that has beaches like the Hamptons. If you're not a beach person, that's fine," he said. "But who isn't a beach person?"

Certainly, no one's heading to the Hudson Valley to sun themselves on a rustic riverbank — but locals offer feisty fightbacks to defend the honor of upscale Upstate.

"The Hamptons is for people escaping Manhattan. [The Hudson Valley] is for people escaping the people escaping Manhattan," posits Emily Sachar, editor of the Daily Catch, a Dutchess Co.-based news site.

No traffic up north

She said Valley history is more storied than the Hamptons — where most of the homes worth ogling were built a matter of decades ago. Places like Kingston were Revolutionary War flashpoints; today, the city streets and back roads of the region still boast an array of real estate dating back to the 1700s or earlier.

"We've got enough architectural history in our pinky finger to make the Hamptons look like a very expensive pop-up installation," Sachar sniffed.

Peter Ilani sells many of those properties — he's a Berkshire Hathaway broker who moved up from Long Island two decades ago, spying the untapped potential.

When he meets buyers wobbling between upstate and out East, he's unfazed. "I talk to them: Do you like sitting in traffic for three to four hours? If you do, let's go for the Hamptons."

Upstate, he says, is appealing for more than the fact you're unlikely to ever sit idling on the Taconic Parkway, the favored city-to-country escape route of the Valley's east bank crowd.

"The range of different homes is tremendous, and you don't have many subdivisions where the houses sit next to each other. The Hamptons came much later. And I talk to them about sea levels, too. You want to be in the water, or for the next hurricane to level your house? I don't see any pluses anymore," he said.

Out by the ocean, it's big houses on small plots — Upstate, it's smaller homes on big parcels of land, with acreage sometimes in the six figures.

Bang for your buck

Brendan Saunders is a 40-year-old tech exec based in the Big Apple — he mulled buying out East five years ago after spending a few memorable summers there.

He hesitated in part because of the pricing — homes that had sold for, say, around a million bucks in 2019, were now going for three times that in the pandemic's wake.

He'd once loved the social scene in the Hamptons, centered mostly on friendly neighbors taking turns to throw parties. There was a palpable shift as long-time folks sold up to make the most of those price jumps.

"There were fewer and fewer people who were around all the weekends," he says, of buyers who were now in many cases just adding a Hamptons home — because everyone else was — to their NYC-Palm Beach-Aspen portfolio.

"The community started sagging a bit, with a lot more finance folks there for one weekend in 10. The housekeeper was there more often than the owners," he said.

Initially, one appeal of the Hudson Valley was the distance. Two hours north of the city, and you're deep into the countryside, Saunders realized. Not so when headed to The Hamptons.

"Two hours east, you're still in the quagmire of the LIE," he laughed.

Then he started looking for homes in the Hudson Valley instead, and was flabbergasted — a good condition, five-bedroom home near Amenia, on an acre and a half of land, would cost him just $500,000. He bought it.

"You couldn't get anything in East Hampton for even double that. It's quick and easy to go and do things that feel real — East Hampton is lovely, but even the green space is very curated, and so are the people. And the sense of community here is so strong; everyone just kind of gets along," he said.

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Sally Brompton Daily Horoscope

CANCER
(June 22-July 23)
You may think you can do no wrong at the moment, and you may be right, but that doesn't mean you can take silly chances. With retrograde Mercury close to the Sun this weekend, any risks you take may not work out the way you expected.

LEO
(July 24-Aug. 23)
Jupiter in your sign makes it easy for you to get carried away, and with mind planet Mercury up to its tricks this weekend, it's unlikely you will be able to see the pitfalls ahead. That's why you need to get a trusted friend to advise you.

VIRGO
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
It might be wise to put off making any major decisions until later in the month. Why? Because while your ruling planet Mercury is going through its retrograde phase, you cannot be certain that the "facts" on which you base those decisions are actually true.

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LIBRA
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
You may be desperate to push ahead on the work front and show what you can do but being desperate could also lead to mistakes you would not normally make. This is one of those occasions when you need to rein in your enthusiasm a bit.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
The more things change, the more they stay the same. Is that how you feel? If it is, then maybe you need to be smart and stop trying to influence what is going on in the wider world. Why put so much effort into not getting things done?

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
What other people say this weekend must not be allowed to change what you are doing to the slightest degree. You are on a path of your own choosing and it is your destiny to follow that path to the end. Close your ears and just keep going.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
If you take time to help other people this weekend, the universe will help you later on when you are in need of assistance. You may not get much thanks from family and friends but you have never been one to seek praise for a good deed.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You must be orderly and methodical in everything you do this weekend, because if you deviate from the accepted course of action by even an inch you could end up miles out of your way. Sometimes, like now, it's OK to be unadventurous.

PISCES
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)
The promises you make over the next 48 hours will be promises you are expected to keep no matter how long it takes, be it 48 days, weeks, months or years! For that reason alone, you must make sure they are promises you believe in.

ARIES
(March 21-April 20)
You must keep your wits about you this weekend because with mind planet Mercury close to the Sun you could easily be the target of a confidence trick. If a money-making proposal sounds too good to be true just give it a miss.

TAURUS
(April 21-May 21)
The Sun and Mercury in the most outgoing area of your chart compel you to socialize and travel as much as you can, but because Mercury is going through its retrograde phase, you cannot afford to leave anything to chance. Plan ahead every step of the way.

GEMINI
(May 22-June 21)
You may be inclined to start something new, but wouldn't it be better to complete what you've already begun? The planets warn if you leave a task half-finished now, it will come back to haunt you later on. It may be boring, but get it done.

BIRTHDAY SATURDAY

Make it your primary goal over the coming year to find something to laugh about each and every day. Despite all its problems, the world is still a wonderful place, and if you treat it as such, it will reward you with some truly wonderful experiences.

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Saturday

Today: Partly sunny, a stray t-storm. High 78 to 84.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 64 to 70.

Sunday

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and less humid. High 80 to 86.

Tomorrow night: Clear. Low 65 to 71.

Monday

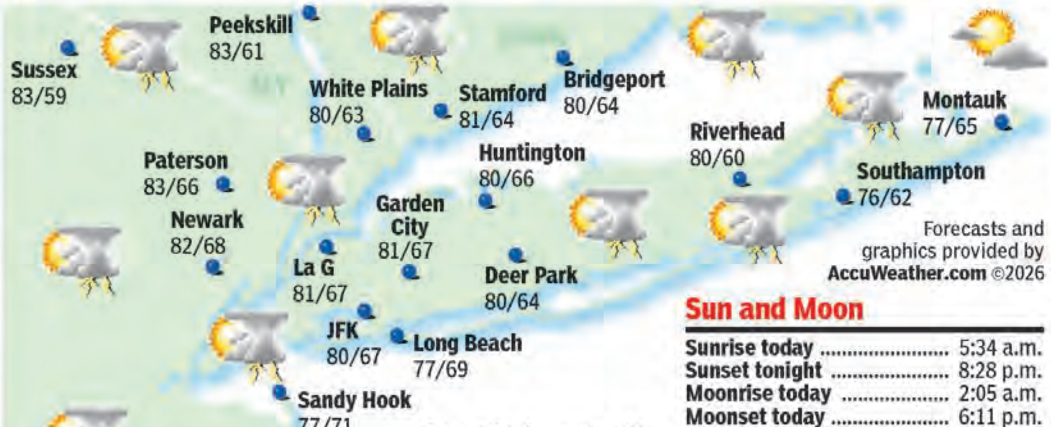
Sunny. High 83 to 89.

Evening
Mainly clear. Low 67 to 73.

Tuesday

Hot with sunshine. High 89 to 95.

Evening
Mainly clear. Low 73 to 79.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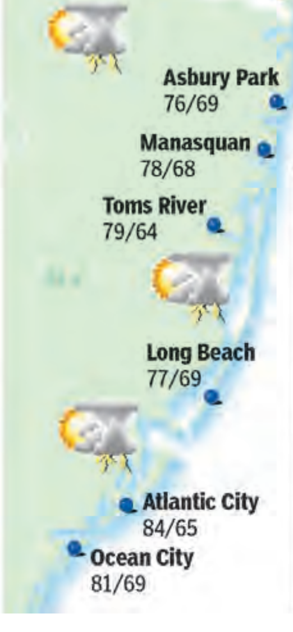
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Forecast data is current as of 6 p.m. yesterday. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **r**-rain, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

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YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

Temperature
High: 85, Low: 73, Mean: 79

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: +2 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.00", Month: 1.54",
Year: 19.36", Normal year to date: 25.02"

Cooling Degree days yesterday 14
Total for the month (normal) 133 (120)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal) 533 (428)
Last year to date 472
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 85
UV index (for Sat.) .... 10 (Very High)
Humidity (at noon) 60%

AIR QUALITY
Pollen: Low Predominant pollen: Trees, Weeds
AQI rating: (for Sat.) ....Moderate

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today .... 5:34 a.m.
Sunset tonight .... 8:28 p.m.
Moonrise today .... 2:05 a.m.
Moonset today .... 6:11 p.m.

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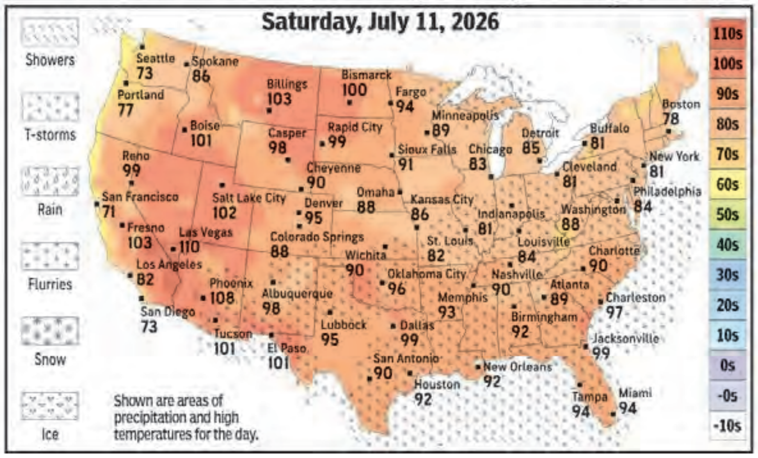
Saturday, July 11, 2026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Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.

New York Tides	TODAY		TOMORROW	
High Tide for	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Coney Island	5:16a	5:45p	6:23a	6:46p
Fire Island	5:17a	6:02p	6:14a	6:58p
Hempstead	9:10a	9:27p	10:15a	10:28p
Huntington	9:06a	9:25p	10:07a	10:24p
Jones Inlet	5:00a	5:29p	6:07a	6:30p
Montauk Point	6:29a	7:07p	7:24a	8:01p
Port Washington	9:12a	9:28p	10:20a	10:31p
Sandy Hook	5:20a	5:49p	6:27a	6:50p

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	84/57/s	85/60/s
Danbury	81/58/t	84/60/s
Glens Falls	81/53/s	84/55/s
Gr Barrington	84/54/pc	84/57/s
Kingston	87/61/pc	87/60/s
Liberty	80/59/t	81/57/s
Monticello	79/56/t	81/56/s
Newburgh	86/61/t	84/62/s
Poughkeepsie	84/58/t	84/59/s
Saratoga Springs	85/55/s	85/59/s
Stroudsburg	82/61/t	84/62/pc
Torrington	83/59/pc	83/61/s
Syracuse	84/57/s	84/61/s

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	91/69/s	93/76/s
Baghdad	110/85/s	113/87/s
Beijing	83/75/t	85/75/t
Berlin	81/57/pc	86/61/s
Cairo	97/74/pc	97/73/pc
Dublin	74/60/pc	73/58/s
Geneva	89/65/t	91/64/s
Hong Kong	94/84/s	93/83/pc
Jerusalem	86/67/s	87/69/s
Kabul	90/66/pc	89/67/pc
London	89/62/s	87/58/s
Madrid	100/71/s	93/69/pc
Mexico City	76/57/r	76/58/r
Montreal	81/61/s	83/66/s
Moscow	81/62/t	73/63/r
Paris	98/72/pc	98/74/s
Rio de Janeiro	76/69/pc	76/66/c
Rome	90/70/s	89/70/s
Sydney	65/55/pc	64/50/s
Tokyo	87/76/c	84/77/c

Parents' 'revolting disposal of body'

Disturbing new details have emerged in the case of a 4-year-old South Carolina girl cops claim was abused to death by her parents, who allegedly dissolved her body in chemicals and dumped her remains in a local reservoir before falsely reporting her missing.

Investigators announced Thursday they found partial remains of Javeayah Harris in Cedar Creek Reservoir after an exhaustive, multiagency search effort involving more than 200 first responders.

The little girl's parents, Johmarea Harris and Michilae Herring — who have been charged in her death — allegedly reported the girl missing from her Aiken home June 30.

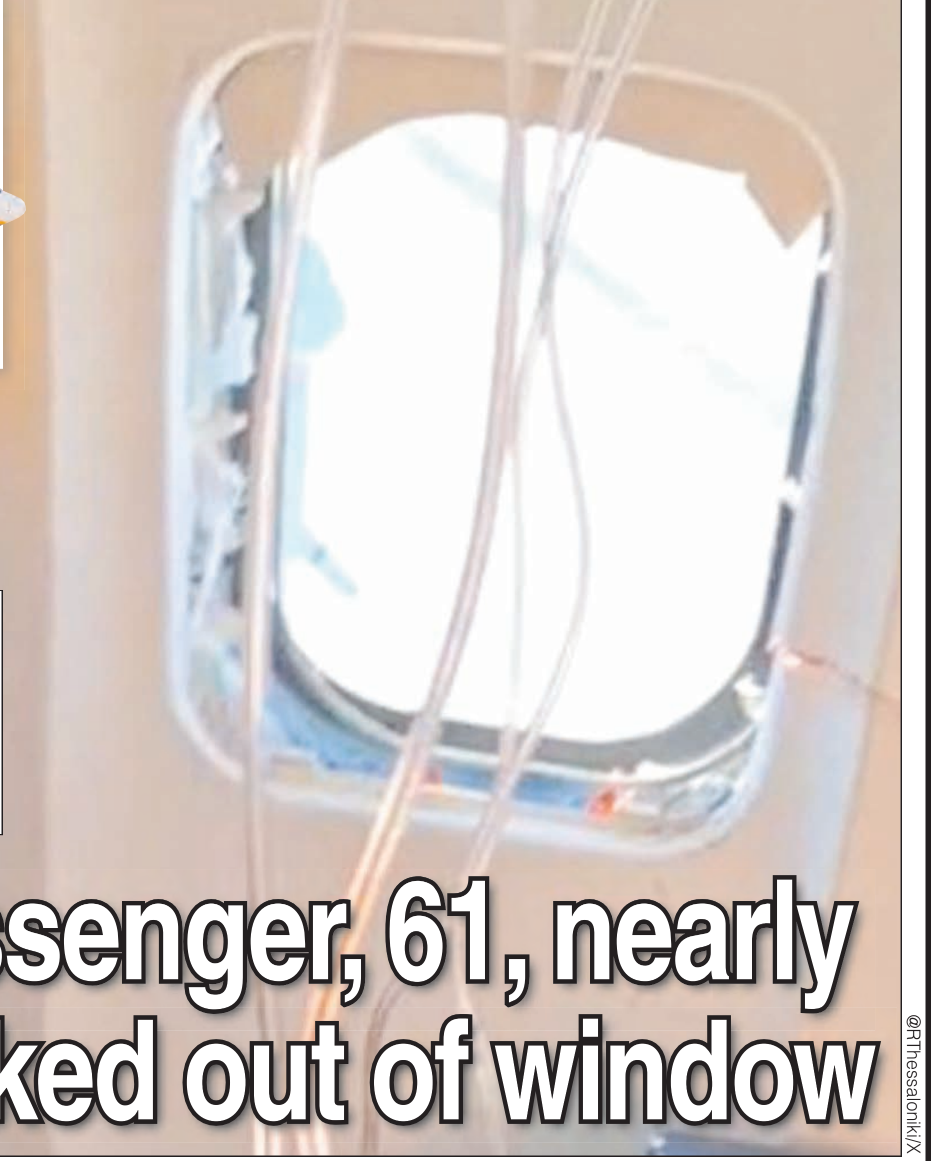
"Personally, there are some very harsh words that I would like to use about Johmarea and Michilae and their actions. But I will not do that, and I will not do that to protect and maintain the integrity of this case," Aiken County Sheriff Marty Sawyer told reporters Thursday in a press conference confirming Javeayah's remains had been identified.

"But I will tell you this. I will not refer to them as mom and dad, or mother or father. They don't deserve that title."

He claimed Harris and Herring "went to great lengths to cover their repulsive and revolting actions."

"Our information reveals the use of corrosive chemicals and other tools that were used to accelerate the destruction of her little body," he said. *Chris Nesi*

JUST PLANE SCARY



EMERGENCY: A piece of the plane's engine had broken off and struck the window (pictured) — causing it to shatter — shortly after takeoff.

Passenger, 61, nearly sucked out of window

@RThessaloniki/X

By CHRIS BRADFORD

A plane passenger was almost sucked out of a window that shattered moments after take-off on Friday — with others grabbing hold of him as his "head and shoulders" were left hanging outside.

The traveler — only identified as a 61-year-old Serbian man — was pinned in his seat by fellow passengers as chaos unfolded on the Ryanair flight that left Greece for Germany at 5:55 a.m., CNN Greece reported.

The Boeing 737-800 plane was at an altitude of around 20,000 feet — when travelers heard a noise "like a tire bursting," one passenger told Radio Thessaloniki, according to Agence France Presse.

They only later found out that a piece of the plane's engine had broken off and struck the window, causing it to shatter.

"We immediately realized there had been a decompression. There were screams . . . for a moment I thought someone had accidentally opened the emergency door," the passenger said.

Treated for burns

"The masks dropped and there was a strong smell. The head and shoulders of one passenger were outside the window. Fortunately, he hadn't taken off his seat belt."

The passenger was restrained by fellow travelers, Michalis Giannakos, the president of Panhellenic Federation of Public Hospital Employees in Greece, told reporters, according to Enikos.

"His wife held him down for five minutes so he wouldn't get out," he said.

"With the help of many passengers, they managed to pull him into the cabin."

The plane, which was heading to Memmingen, just outside of Munich, returned to Thessaloniki in Greece and passengers were given seats on a replacement flight.

The man is being treated for friction burns, according to Giannakos.

"A Ryanair flight from Thessaloniki to Memmingen on Friday morning returned to Thessaloniki shortly after take-off when a passenger window dislodged inflight," a Ryanair spokesperson told The Post.

"The aircraft landed normally and passengers returned to the terminal. One passenger requested and received medical assistance on the ground in Thessaloniki."

Electing to sack them all

President Trump on Thursday terminated the remaining members of a federal panel that assists election administration officials nationwide after a landmark Supreme Court ruling granted him more power to fire members of independent agencies.

Thomas Hicks and Christy McCormick, who were appointed to the Election Assistance Commission by former President Barack Obama, were fired via email, according to Reuters. Benjamin Hovland, appointed by Trump in his first term, was forced to resign.

The terminations leave the bipartisan EAC with no commissioners and an uncertain future.

It's unclear if Trump will move to appoint new members to the commission.

"Your position as Commissioner of the Election Assistance Commission is terminated, effective immediately. Thank you for your service," read the emails sent out by the White House Presidential Personnel Office. *Victor Nava, Wires*

Stuff 'zap'pens, but he's OK

A firefighter in Alabama is counting his lucky stars after he survived being struck by lightning on Sunday — exactly one year after he walked away with minor injuries when a firework exploded in his face.

James Lawley was celebrating his daughter's birthday on Sunday when conditions deteriorated as storms began to roll over Cullman County, WVTM 13 reported. The devoted father said, "The only thing I remember is kind of grabbing my chest and saying that 'I'm hit, I'm hit,'" Lawley told the outlet.

"I just didn't know what was going on. I knew that something had happened because people were screaming and crying but I didn't know what was happening at the time," he recalled.

After the chaos unfolded, emergency medics told the father they believe he was hit by a secondary lightning strike rather than directly — something that likely saved his life.

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Dems Beware

Commies hijacked the DSA — and you're next

JAKE ALTMAN

HOW worried should Democrats be about the Democratic Socialists of America?

As someone who knows the DSA inside out, I can say with authority: They should be very worried indeed.

I was a DSA member for years and served in local leadership. But today's DSA — illiberal, dogmatic and hostile to traditional US political norms — is not the organization I once knew. It includes disciplined, radicalized networks that methodically expanded their power over the last decade in pursuit of extremist goals.

As the Democratic Party grapples with the DSA's growing influence and extremism, it would do well to recognize that the same dynamic underway now — first accommodation, then capture, then surrender to insurgent radicals — already played out on a smaller scale within the DSA itself. And there's only one defense: out-organizing it.

For decades, the DSA was mostly composed of a cohort of aging Boomers, remnants from the group's founding in 1982. It prioritized open debate and political tolerance. Following in the tradition of founder Michael Harrington, members viewed the DSA not as a revolutionary vanguard but as a reformist bridge to mainstream labor-liberalism; they prioritized parliamentary process and pluralism.

But in the mid-2010s, its character began to change. I witnessed the last days of the "old" DSA. New, younger members began to enter the organization as Sen. Bernie Sanders and the socialist magazine Jacobin grew their followings.

As the DSA's cultural power expanded and it began to amass electoral victories, more leftists of varying extremist commitments were drawn in. This was an explicit strategy called "the big tent," advanced by the then-DSA Jacobin left.

In August 2025, DSA delegates voted to remove a constitutional provision barring Leninists from entry — a provision that was already a dead letter. The old DSA's high-mindedness became its fatal weakness.

Veteran members assumed the younger generation played by the same rules of persuasion, but the newcomers' goal was not to win arguments — it was to transform the institution and its politics.

@HasanAbi

Party crasher: 'Hype-man Hasan Piker helped radicalize the DSA.

As the organization grew, it began to profess more extreme ideas — and to demand that its members do the same.

First came the purity tests of Black Lives Matter and the anti-Israel boycott, divestment, sanctions movement. Apologia for Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine and support for Hamas and its atrocities followed. The new DSA, with the help of hype-man Hasan Piker, advanced these agendas with what labor leader Walter Reuther called "the communists' highly developed technique of name-calling and character assassination."

The old-guard Harringtonites attempted to counter their bad-faith divisiveness, but their efforts came far too late, and many eventually left. My final attempt to challenge Leninist-Third Worldist dominance within the DSA fell apart amid stiff resistance in April 2025, when I proposed that the DSA's board demand Hamas release all hostages in Israel and surrender unconditionally.

Most of my allies among the Harringtonite veterans were dismissive of my proposal's prospects — and refused to support it. Long-time DSA insiders like David Duhalde, who has advocated for the "big tent" that brought in communists, don't dispute this radicalization occurred.

But Duhalde maintains the shift wasn't a takeover, but an "unplanned left-wing refoundation."

That claim glosses over the systematic displacement of the organization's foundational commitments — and rejects the warnings of many in DSA's founding generation. In fact, the organization continues to eat its own.

The radical vanguard clustered around Jacobin has been eclipsed by a coalition of Third Worldists, Trotskyists and doctrinaire Leninists, some of whom openly endorse political violence. Condescension and hostility toward anti-communism remain: Duhalde dismisses the anti-communist tradition on the left as "neoconservatism with a union label."

There are warning signs that the Democratic Party is drifting toward a similar surrender. It's already teetering on the edge of accommodation (or capture) rather than opposition.

What happened to the DSA will happen to the Democratic Party if moderate Democrats don't organize against it. As labor leader Walter Reuther, who fought Leninists, wrote in 1948: "You have to show [communism] up in the marketplace of ideas."

But the battle's not merely ideological. Reuther's victory over the communists in the United Auto Workers union was the result of a clear-eyed strategy of driving out those who rejected democratic norms. He also built an anti-communist coalition within his union's ranks. Dissident Democrats today would do well to take inspiration from him.

Jake Altman is author of "Socialism before Sanders: The 1930s Moment from Romance to Revisionism." Adapted from City Journal.

FAST TAKES

Conservative: The PAC Behind Zo & His Radicals

American Priorities, a new super PAC is "behind the surge of radical leftist candidates" in New York, reports Tablet's Liel Leibovitz. "The group's two largest donors," Omer Hasan and Mohammad Waqas Javed, are alums of the "data company AppLovin." Its largest shareholder, Hao Tang, reportedly has "deep ties to the Chinese Communist Party," and JPMorgan Chase closed his account over "source of funding" concerns. "Hasan and Javed were the top donors" to Zohran Mamdani's New Yorkers for Lower Costs PAC. While attention is focused on AIPAC's impact, "the most prominent PAC on the scene right now is funded primarily by two veterans of a shady tech colossus with strong links to China and repeated allegations of ties to the Communist Party in Beijing."

Military take: Ukraine's Lessons on War

Ukraine is "imposing persistent strategic pressure" by attacking Russia's "front lines, air defenses, fuel depots . . . and by trying to isolate occupied Crimea," cheer David H. Petraeus & Clara Kaluderovic at The Wall Street Journal. Although "Ukraine almost certainly can't destroy" Russia, its recent attacks have caused "Russia's worst nationwide fuel shortages in years." Kyiv is forcing Moscow "to defend everywhere" as it imposes "pressure simultaneously across many arenas." "The U.S. should draw three lessons" from Ukraine's "agile, software-driven, distributed warfare," instead of relying on "hardware-heavy" warfare. Ukraine has "changed the central question of the war" to whether Russia can keep up with it's the "pressure." "That is a remarkable reversal."

Education desk: The Drive To Kill Great Schools

New York's teachers unions "have filed another lawsuit aimed at limiting educational options for New York families," this time by trying stop a new school, Strive, from taking over a charter granted to the Success Academy charter-school network, laments Danyela Souza Egorov at City Journal. The suits never stop: "Ongoing declines in statewide enrollment have increased pressure to maintain teacher positions and their associated revenue for unions." The lawsuit claims the transfer of the charter renders the state's charter-school cap "meaningless"; it doesn't — but the cap itself is "nonsensical," since New York charters "are among the highest performing in the country" and primarily serve low-income minorities. A state that leads the nation in K-12 spending only to achieve "mediocre results" really should "encourage educational innovation, not try to smother high-performing charter-school operators."

From the right: Death of a Conspiracy Theory

Charlie Kirk

A "conspiracy theory" is about to "fall apart," predicts The Free Press' Douglas Murray, as preposterous claims about the murder of Charlie Kirk finally dissolve. "Some online commentators tried to ignore everything about the case," blaming "the Israeli government, Egyptian spy planes, Kirk's colleagues at Turning Point USA, his widow, and people in the crowd that day who were wearing maroon-colored shirts." Candace Owens and Tucker Carlson, "once close to Charlie Kirk," promoted bizarre theories — to the point that their outright lies" could "taint the jury pool." But "even the cold light of the courtroom will not make the conspiracy theories disappear forever" because "they rely on being unfalsifiable, constantly denied, and illogical."

Labor beat: Unions Want Workers Kept Ignorant

Eight years after the Supreme Court ruled public employers can't force employees to pay union dues, many employees still don't know they have that option, thunders Aaron Withe at The Hill. Yes, 1.2 million public employees have canceled or declined union membership, costing "$720 million per year in union revenue nationwide." But unions "have not accepted their verdict gracefully." A new law in Oregon punishes organizations like Withe's Freedom Foundation for reaching out to workers to inform them about their constitutional right to opt-out of union dues; New York is set to follow. For unions to truly serve workers, they must earn and "compete for dues," not rely on "revenue extracted from people who never chose their representation in the first place." — *Compiled by The Post Editorial Board*

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The DSA vs. America

Kudos to the State Department for putting the kibosh on city International Affairs Commissioner Ana María Archila's bid to meet with Amir-Saeid Iravani, Iran's ambassador to the United Nations, even as America and Iran are at war — but the affair poses a challenge to Mayor Mamdani: Does he have the grit to break with the openly anti-American factions of the Democratic Socialists of America?

Mamdani's tried to downplay the disgraceful episode, insisting Archila had no clearance to do such outreach, yet he's not firing her or imposing any discipline. Nor even saying outright how very *wrong* she was. Which raises the question of whether *he* prefers the theocratic regime in Tehran to the United States government.

You can oppose the US war *without* embracing the monsters with decades of American blood on their hands, but some DSAers openly side with the Islamic Republic, *because* it hates the United States.

DSA factions make apologies not just for Hamas' atrocities against innocent Israelis, but for last year's murder of two Jews outside the Capital Jewish Museum in DC, for Russia's war on Ukraine and for crimes against humanity committed by the Chinese Communist Party and North Korea's rulers.

As Jonah Goldberg notes in an excellent X essay, the "DSA has an expressly no-enemies-to-the-left approach"; other members are supposed to stay silent even when its affiliates call for the overthrow of the Constitution and US democracy itself.

Is the mayor just a pretty face covering for these radicals, or does he have principles that oppose this profound anti-Americanism? If so, he needs to start saying so, *and* to purge the extremists he's hired to help run New York City.

Archila has brazenly hijacked the Office of International Affairs, turning it into a puppet agency for the DSA's internationalist agenda. Traditionally, OIA sought to cultivate sister-city relationships, attract foreign business, support the city's relations with the diplomatic community and so on.

Reaching out to Iran and to the Maduro regime that's devastated Venezuela (as Archila also tried to do) is a clean different thing, and a vile one.

If the mayor didn't authorize or endorse Archila's plan to sit down with Iran's UN rep, he should fire her. More: He needs to sit down with his peeps and get every anti-American radical out of his administration.

Mamdani has quietly broken with the DSA on some points, most notably by keeping Jessica Tisch in charge of the NYPD, and largely letting her run policing as she deems fit. Now that Archila's put the question on the table, he's obliged to go beyond pragmatism to principle . . . unless he hates America, too.

Your move, Mr. Mayor.

Open Borders Aren't Affordable

President Joe Biden's open-border policy continues to do damage: New research finds that the millions of illegal migrants he welcomed drove steep increases in housing costs in metropolitan area from 2021 to 2024.

The data, presented in a working paper from economists at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, flesh out a point obvious to anyone who consider it: When you import millions of people — and Biden waved in at least 7 million — you create soaring demand for housing, so prices must spike until (and unless) supply rises to match.

The Dallas Fed research suggests that every 1% rise in illegal workers relative to the local, legal workforce drives a 1.4% jump in rents and a 2.2% rise in home prices.

This common-sense, basic truth of economics was simply denied by establishment media like Reuters and The New York Times, which mocked President Trump and Vice President JD Vance for pointing it out during the 2024 campaign and since.

Now the numbers show the reality: On top of feeding crime and straining social services around the country, all those illegal migrants were doing direct damage to affordability for average Americans.

Remember that the next time open-border Democrats — from Gavin Newsom on down to Zohran Mamdani — say they're fighting for affordability. That's not possible without a real border.

Don't hold your breath waiting for progressives to admit the harm they've done and pivot to battling for the interests of the little guys they claim to love so much: Their answer to a failed policy is always to double down.

If *Judges* Can Obstruct Justice . . .

Former Wisconsin judge Hannah Dugan got off with a wrist-slap for obstructing justice. Not enough: If those sworn to provide justice instead oppose it, the rule of law can't survive.

Federal Judge Lynn Adelman, a Bill Clinton appointee, handed her a mere $5,000 fine for helping felon Eduardo Flores-Ruiz escape from ICE agents in April 2025. The average sentence for obstruction is 16 months in prison; she likely won't even lose her law license.

Adelman called Dugan "an otherwise good person" who "made a bad decision" as she was "upset by immigrant enforcement."

Sorry: Good people who do *bad* things deserve serious punishment, especially judges who put their *private* views above their oaths of impartiality.

She abused her judicial power to sneak a felon out her private courtroom exit, then tried to distract the agents as he fled.

Dugan deserves no more mercy than Southern judges who enabled segregationist violence against the civil-rights movement: If justice isn't blind, it's not justice at all.

Platner's Repugnant Past Defines Dems' Decline

THE ISSUE: Graham Platner drops out of the Maine Senate race in the wake of fresh sex-abuse accusations.

Graham Platner

- Graham Platner suspending his bid for the US Senate should be a relief and warning to all Americans ("Plat out of Maine race," July 9).

Platner is a cancer that seems to be spreading in the Democratic Party. The label "Democratic Socialism" should be rebranded to "Democratic sociopaths." One definition of a sociopath is useful here: They often disregard the rights and feelings of others, lack empathy and remorse, and often manipulate or deceive others for personal gain.

Martin Garfinkle
Staten Island

- Platner may be a "repugnant dirtbag," but is he really more repugnant or a bigger dirtbag than the president who brags about grabbing women's genitals, lies about elections, pardoned Jan. 6 criminals, protects Epstein pedophiles, trashes our allies, praises our enemies, was found liable in the E. Jean Carroll case, misused charitable funds, paid off a porn star and much more?

Matt Dwyer
Naples, Fla.

- What has the Democratic Party come to? It was apparent from the outset that Platner was not a decent human being. Yet Sens. Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Chuck Schumer and Cory Booker and Rep. Ro Khanna all endorsed him.

The Democratic Party no longer represents "We the People." Instead, it is focused on pursuing an agenda that, in my view, would undermine Western civilization as we know it.

Jim Millar
Fitzwilliam, NH

- The Post's editorial chronicling Democrats' sad trip on the Platner roller-coaster can be cut down to a fragment buried in the middle of the piece: "Democrats have been so wrapped up in their Trump hate, they failed to . . ." Fill in the blank ("Dems' Moral Bankruptcy," July 8).

Trump has played them so well that they are continuously on the back foot, so frazzled that they are unable to organize effective opposition to his policies.

Warren Nitti
Edgewater, NJ

- This Platner situation is not new. When former Gov. Andrew Cuomo was facing public outcry over 16,000 senior citizens dying, Democrats quickly switched to sexual predator allegations.

The reason is simple: It does less damage to the party, as the focus is on the morality of the individual, rather than the political decisions of a Democrat. Eric Swalwell shared the same fate.

Robert Sanfilippo
N. Bellmore

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Rahm's Useless Israel-Bashing

THE ISSUE: Ex-Chicago mayor Rahm Emanuel calling for an end to America's support of Israel.

- Your editorial on Rahm Emanuel confirms that politicians talk way too much, are often wrong and think whatever they say is prescient ("Rahm Emanuel Sells Out Israel," July 9).

Silence has its place in the public square, but pols feel compelled to contribute to the discourse no matter how foolish their message.

Emanuel showed off his ridiculous line of parity on Middle East relations by excoriating Israel on several matters, despite being wrong on all counts.

Rich Klitzberg
Princeton, NJ

- Emanuel wants to enhance his electoral chances by joining the chorus of Israel-bashers. My father — a survivor of the Holocaust from a large extended family — would tell him that such pandering won't work at all.

When the haters go after the Jews, they're coming for Emanuel, Brad Lander and Bernie Sanders along with the rest of us.

Jack Weinberg
Manhattan

- With President Trump at the helm, assisted by Vice President JD Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, we don't need a former Chicago mayor's advice on foreign relations.

Allen Schwartz
Manhattan

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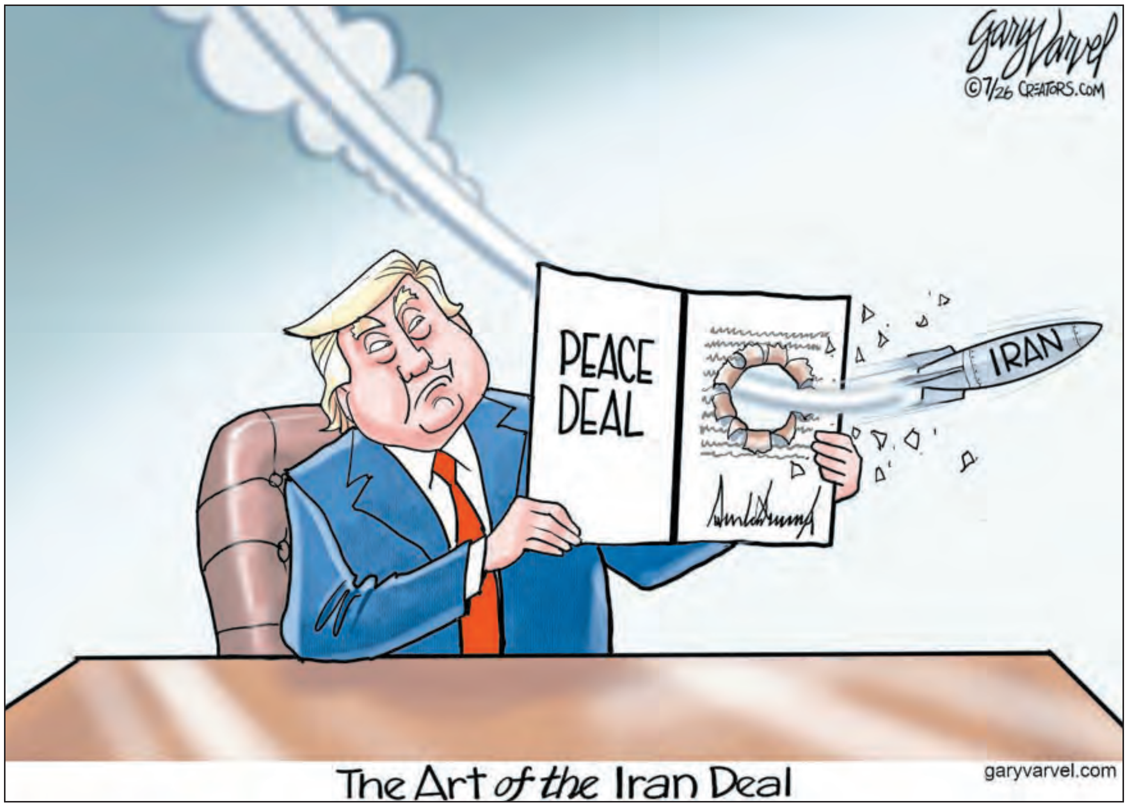

The Art of the Iran Deal

Zo: Ungrateful Divider

VICTOR DAVIS HANSON

ZOHRAN Mamdani, New York's self-described socialist mayor, couldn't resist using the nation's 250th anniversary to trash the very country he and his parents voluntarily sought out.

As is his custom, he speaks in generalities, offering few if any examples, all laced with his accustomed unctuous hypocrisy.

"America, they will tell you, belongs only to those with the right accent or the right shade of skin. The rest of us, they insist, should be grateful for merely being allowed to visit. How small they are. How weak, how unoriginal."

"At every moment in our past, those who led through exclusion and isolation have tried to win power and enrich themselves by turning us against one another."

Thus spoke the pampered rich kid from Uganda, who immigrated to America with his now-endowed professor father and elite filmmaker mother.

Upon arriving, the Mamdanis joined what is statistically America's wealthiest and most highly credentialed ethnic group: the enormously privileged Indian American community. (How was that possible in his version of a racist America that supposedly detests the wrong accents and skin colors?)

When this nepo baby includes himself among the supposedly "victimized" ("the rest of us"), should we laugh or cry? If Mamdani wishes to invoke the tired Marxist oppressed-oppressor binary, then by his own revolutionary vocabulary, he once belonged to a settler-colonial Indian expatriate elite: After all, although Uganda's Indian community comprises only about 1% of the population, it still controls roughly 60% of the nation's GDP.

America might reasonably ask why he's so angry at the country that welcomed his family and afforded it such extraordinary opportunities. If America is as hostile toward people of Indian ancestry as Mamdani alleges, why have some 5.4 million Indians immigrated here, making them one of the nation's largest and fastest-growing foreign-born populations?

Why do 150,000 more choose to come to this racist hellhole each year? Do they come to be insulted — or to become prosperous, educated, privileged and secure?

Americans welcome more immigrants each year than any other nation, and they have long admired legal immigrants who enriched the country by assimilating, acculturating and integrating.

Yet Americans are understandably astonished when recent immigrants from failed states — plagued by caste prejudice, dictatorship, endemic racism, religious intolerance, Marxist-induced poverty, antisemitism, violence, misogyny and homophobia — begin lecturing their American hosts about America's supposed shortcomings.

Can Mamdani explain why this supposedly racist and nativist America has since the mid-1960s admitted millions of immigrants — the overwhelming majority of them nonwhite — if it is so systematically xenophobic and racist?

As for America's past sins, some 165 years ago, roughly 700,000 mostly white Americans slaughtered one another in a war to abolish slavery — an ancient and evil institution that had brought 10 times as many Africans to Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking Latin America as to the American South, while more than 15 million others were sent into the Muslim world through slave trades facilitated by African rulers who sold rival tribes into bondage.

To address the toxic legacy of segregation in the American South, Americans have spent roughly $25 trillion on income- and race-based entitlements for the poor and for nonwhites since the War on Poverty and Great Society programs began some six decades ago.

Few contemporary politicians have done more than Mamdani to exploit racial division in pursuit of political power — except, perhaps, others in his own movement who are similarly maniacally obsessed with castigating whites and Jews. The projectionist Mamdani should look in the mirror.

That such rhetoric comes from a member of a remarkably privileged elite is less ironic than fitting. Mamdani has already described himself: "Those who led through exclusion and isolation have tried to win power and enrich themselves by turning us against one another." That fits Mamdani to a T.

A TEACHERS CONFAB ON HATING ISRAEL

JOSH WEINER

WHEN California teacher Laura Pinho used a Zoom educators' webinar to proclaim she'd married a Gazan man to give him US citizenship, she set off an uproar. The Post reported on the incident, first caught by the North American Values Institute, and Pinho is now under investigation for potential marriage fraud.

But her nuptials weren't the most scandalous part of the confab. It's the official program that should really alarm parents.

Pinho was one participant in a webinar called "Challenging Zionism in Schools," run by the far-left CodePink. The presentation was filled with teachers, union officials and education activists, none of whom expressed shock about what Pinho described, or concern that she'd crossed an ethical line. Instead, they spent hours discussing how educators could bring anti-Israel activism into public school classrooms — with the way paved by vaguely worded state education standards and Social-Emotional Learning requirements.

The series featured speakers from the California Teachers Association, United Teachers Los Angeles and the Massachusetts Teachers Association, as well as Adam Sanchez of Rethinking Schools, an education nonprofit that frequently partners with the nation's largest teachers' unions, the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers.

The advice they offered was remarkably candid about the extreme-left activism that's drenching America's classrooms. Pinho explained how she uses school dance classes to teach children about Palestinian "resistance." She boasted about how her Students for Justice in Palestine club took over a school assembly, and shared footage of pro-Gaza demonstrations on school grounds.

She even explained why left-wing teachers are so eager to encourage kids' activism: they have greater free-speech rights at school than teachers do, and therefore more ability to agitate.

> **Activism is now simply part of the job.**

Former Massachusetts Teachers Association president Merrie Najimy, a co-founder of NEA Educators for Palestine, explained that teachers need not confine the issue to history class — thanks to state-mandated Social-Emotional Learning standards.

SEL has been presented in non-threatening terms as a means of training children to control their emotions and make good personal decisions. But Najimy argued that SEL requirements offer endless opportunities to teach about Palestine through concepts like resilience and empathy — while other state standards make it possible to weave the Gaza conflict into subjects as disparate as math and science.

Marcy Winograd, a CodePink leader who heads the California Teachers Association's pro-Palestine caucus, described California's history standards as an "open door" for teaching about Palestine, through lesson plans freely available on the AFT's Share My Lesson platform. Winograd is absolutely right: The door has been left wide open.

For years, states have replaced clear, content-based academic standards with broader frameworks emphasizing culturally responsive teaching, inquiry-based learning and SEL. Whatever the original intent behind those initiatives, they have given activist teachers enormous discretion to substitute ideology for academics — confident they can justify almost any lesson as meeting a vaguely worded educational objective.

By the time parents discover what's happening, the lesson has already been taught, the assembly has already been held, the club has already met and the march has already taken place. Parents are often told their concerns are exaggerated and that teachers are simply encouraging students to think critically or exposing them to different perspectives.

The educators participating in this webinar weren't pondering whether political activism belongs in public schools; they were strategizing about how to inject it into their classrooms, while remaining protected by district policies, state standards and union support.

The conversation wasn't hidden or coded, but remarkably matter-of-fact: Everyone involved seemed to understand that activism is now simply part of the job.

If states are serious about restoring confidence in public education, they should begin by tightening standards so they measure knowledge rather than ideology. They must draw bright lines around political advocacy in classrooms and school-sponsored activities, and must ensure teachers who cross those lines face meaningful professional consequences — not just get quietly moved to another school or district.

Parents have every right to ask whether their children are being educated at school — or recruited into activism. Policymakers have an obligation to ensure the right answer.

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SOLUTION

PAR SCORE 145-155

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

Bridge

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ None
♡ Q 10 8 7 4
◇ A K J 3
♣ 9 5 4 2

WEST
♠ A K J 10 6
♡ 5
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♣ K 7 6

EAST
♠ Q 9 8 5 2
♡ 6 2
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SOUTH
♠ 7 4 3
♡ A K J 9 3
◇ 7 6 2
♣ A Q

South	West	North	East
1♡	1 ♠	2 ♠	3 ♠
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6♡	All Pass		

Opening lead – ♠ K

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"Cue-bidding" is a superior slam-bidding method; Blackwood may not tell you all you need to know. If a trump suit is agreed and game is certain, a bid in a new suit shows a "control" there, often the ace, and slam interest.

In today's deal, North's two spades showed a heart fit and a spade control (a void here). After more cue-bidding, South signed off at game, but Nouth went on.

South ruffed the spade opening lead in dummy, drew trumps and tried a diamond to dummy's jack. East won and returned a club, and South had to guess. He could finesse with the queen or play for a 3-3 diamond break. As the cards lay, he had to fail.

The auction was better than South's play. After South takes one high trump, he can cash the A-K of diamonds. He is safe when East's queen falls. If East-West played low, South would lead a trump to his hand and a third diamond toward the jack.

If East had Q-10-x-x, South would need the club finesse; but his play guards against Q-x with East.

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Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

SALAMANDERS **Solution: 6 letters**

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CHILL, BABY, CHILL

Big Oil won't up drilling amid war-profit gusher

By TAYLOR HERZLICH

The US energy industry is bracing for a huge windfall from the Iran war, but oil majors aren't planning to ramp up drilling — even as the Trump administration pushes them to lower gasoline costs.

President Trump has repeatedly pressured American energy giants to "drill, baby drill!" and recently threatened to investigate the industry for price-gouging as Americans feel pain at the pump — a concern for Republicans ahead of the midterms.

But oil majors are reluctant to build out more rigs and wells, resisting White House pressure as they claim their bumper profits are just a temporary boost.

"I think the industry is strong," Joe Adamski, managing director of ProcureAbility, a supply chain consultancy, told The Post. "We are sitting at a very good position compared to the rest of the world . . . [but] oil companies are looking at it and saying this is a blip on the radar."

War stirs US windfall

In a preview of its second-quarter earnings, Exxon Mobil said this week it could see a $5 billion jump in profits — pushing adjusted earnings to $15.7 billion, or triple the previous quarter.

Experts said Chevron and Shell are also expected to report blowout second-quarter earnings later this month, similar to their first-quarter results — which came in 45% and 37% higher than expected, respectively.

"It's going to be extra billions of dollars, as we saw with Exxon Mobil," Jeff Krimmel, founder of Krimmel Strategy Group, told The Post. "It'll be a multibillion gain across the industry just based on all the disruptions that continue to exist that really peaked toward the end of the second quarter."

The huge windfall for US oil comes as attacks on vessels and airstrikes in the Middle East have largely choked off the Strait of Hormuz, a vital maritime route for 20% of the world's oil. That has sent demand skyrocketing for alternatives like US crude, which peaked above $110 a barrel in April.

Markups on US crude jumped to an all-time high — as much as an extra $30 to $40 a barrel — as Asian and European refiners competed for the limited supply while scrambling to replace Middle Eastern oil stuck in the strait.

As of Friday, US crude oil futures traded at $71.41 a barrel while Brent crude hit $76.01 — ending the week higher after Trump said the cease-fire with Iran was "over" and military strikes near the Persian Gulf again derailed traffic through the strait.

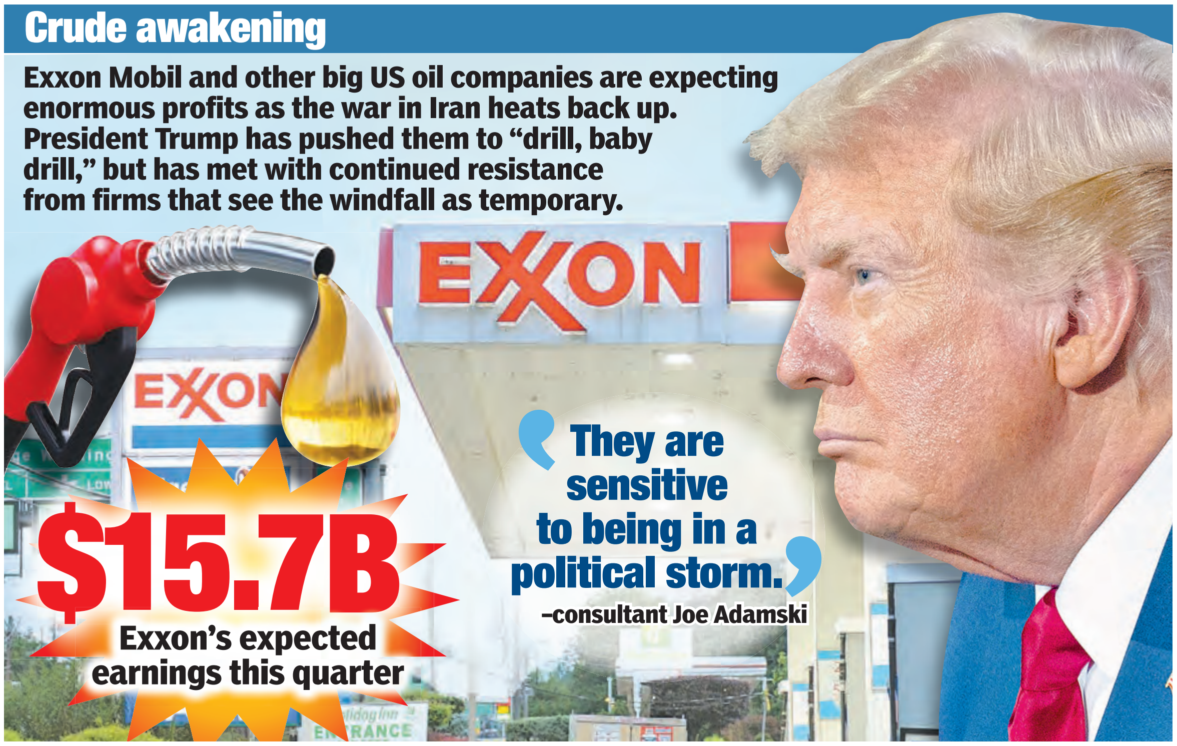
Trump has been pushing for more fossil fuel output, repeatedly urging companies to expand drilling operations and declaring a national energy emergency on the first day of his second term in January 2025.

Last year, the Interior Department issued an aggressive proposal to expand offshore drilling near Florida and along the entire California coastline — fueling fierce pushback from local politicians fearful of oil spills.

In May, Exxon Mobil and Chevron said that despite the Iran war, they did not intend to drill much more oil than planned.

Adamski said fears of political blowback are also likely keeping oil companies from building out new rigs, an expensive process that can take years and face opposition from environmentalists.

"They are sensitive to being in a political storm, that they would have a target on their back and Congress will start talking again about windfall profit taxes," Adamski said.



Crude awakening

Exxon Mobil and other big US oil companies are expecting enormous profits as the war in Iran heats back up. President Trump has pushed them to "drill, baby drill," but has met with continued resistance from firms that see the windfall as temporary.

$15.7B
Exxon's expected earnings this quarter

"They are sensitive to being in a political storm."
–consultant Joe Adamski

Ron Sachs / CNP

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tech appetite

Stocks finished slightly higher on Friday as investors embraced tech stocks and shrugged off the ongoing war with Iran. Nvidia and Meta Platforms rallied 4% and 6%, respectively.

MGM talking

MGM Resorts has been negotiating a potential deal with Barry Diller's People Inc. after the media mogul offered to buy the casino giant, The Wall Street Journal reported. Diller's offer on June 1 valued the company at around $12.4 billion.

easyJet $uitor

Budget carrier easyJet agreed to a potential $7.6 billion takeover by private-equity giant Apollo, setting up a potential bidding war with Castlelake.

Crypto bank

Circle Internet Group shares popped after the company received approval to establish a national trust bank, a regulatory milestone that sets up the launch of a cryptocurrency-focused bank.

Avoid this Rx

Moderna plunged 11% to $68.27 after JPMorgan reportedly reiterated its sell rating on the pharmaceutical stock and included it on its list of top 25 names to short going into the third quarter.

Sources: Reuters, Dow Jones, AP

Buyers 'chipper' for Hynix 1st-day surge

SK Hynix, the South Korean chipmaker worth $1 trillion, opened 14% above its offering price on the Nasdaq and quickly rose higher — signaling investors are still eager for access to the AI trade, even after weeks of wild swings in tech and chip stocks.

On Friday, its American depositary receipts pared gains but still closed up 13% at $168.01, after raising $26.5 billion in a blockbuster Wall Street offering — the largest-ever US share sale by a foreign company.

More than 52 million shares of SK Hynix had traded by noon, "a huge number," less than 30 minutes after its debut, JJ Kinahan, head of retail expansion and alternative investment products at Cboe Global Markets, told The Wall Street Journal.

"It's an incredible story for this company," he said. "Revenue tripled between 2022 and 2025, but the key question is whether it can continue this incredible pace of growth."

Its listing comes a month after Elon Musk's SpaceX debuted on the Nasdaq in the largest-ever IPO.

The company, which sells to some of the biggest names in the industry, has seen its valuation jump more than sevenfold over the past year.

Taylor Herzlich

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Delta CEO gives *fare* warning

Delta CEO Ed Bastian warned Friday that travelers could see higher airfare costs continue even as oil prices fall from multiyear highs — which he expects will help boost the carrier's profits to hit its annual goal.

"I think it's sustainable," Bastian (right) told CNBC when he was asked about high ticket prices, nodding to robust travel demand, more seating options and an industry that has been burnt in the past — and is hesitant to expand capacity as soon as oil starts to drop.

Domestic and international airfare have dipped in recent weeks from highs in April and May — but consumers are still coughing up much more for a ticket than they did last year as the Iran war has pushed jet fuel to a premium, multiplying operating costs for major airlines.

Last week, the average domestic airfare hit $366, 38% higher than the same time last year, while the average international ticket cost $919 — finally falling below the $1,000 level but still 24% higher than 2025 prices, according to the latest Kayak data.

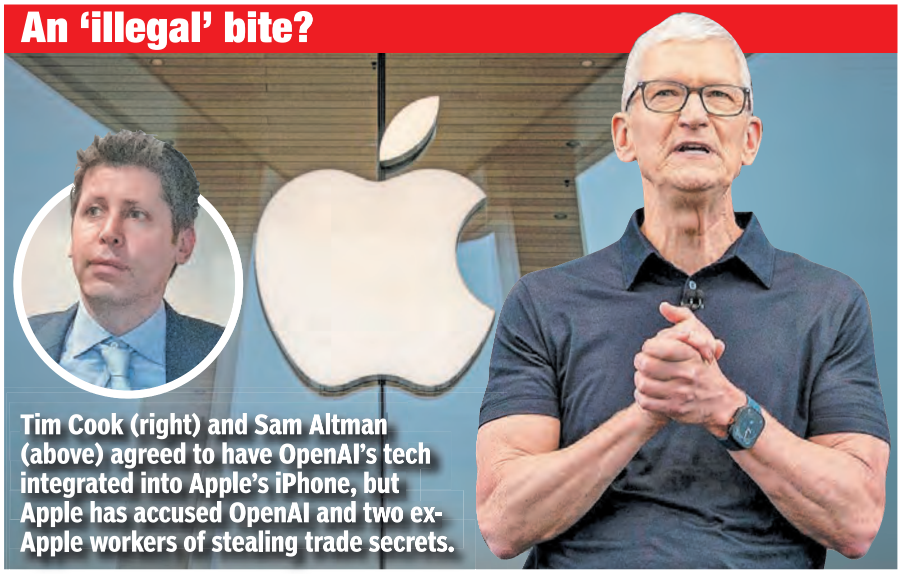
Delta also shared its second-quarter results, with adjusted earnings per share of $1.56, beating expectations of $1.48. Revenue climbed 14% to $17.67 billion, topping a forecast of $17.53 billion. *Taylor Herzlich*

Forbidden AI fruit

Apple sues rival claiming theft of secrets

By ARIEL ZILBER

An 'illegal' bite?



Tim Cook (right) and Sam Altman (above) agreed to have OpenAI's tech integrated into Apple's iPhone, but Apple has accused OpenAI and two ex-Apple workers of stealing trade secrets.

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Apple sued OpenAI and two ex-employees in a bombshell suit accusing them of stealing the consumer tech giant's trade secrets.

The complaint alleging coordinated theft of product designs, manufacturing processes and supply chain strategies was filed Friday in the US District Court for the Northern District of California.

"This case is about Apple's former employees stealing Apple's trade secrets for the benefit of OpenAI. Apple brings this suit to put a stop to it," the lawsuit stated.

The sued employees were identified as Chang Liu, a former senior system electrical engineer at Apple, and Tang Yew Tan, a former VP of product design. They went to work for OpenAI in 2024 and this year, respectively — taking unreleased Apple tech with them, the suit alleged.

Liu was accused of failing to return an Apple-issued work laptop, later exploiting a bug to access the company's internal network and downloading "dozens of Apple's confidential hardware-related files" while working for OpenAI. He "celebrated his improper access, exclaiming in a message left on his colleague's Apple-issued work laptop 'LOL' and that it was 'so funny,' " the suit stated.

The complaint also said Tan "has been methodically using Apple's confidential information to benefit OpenAI" — emailing himself info about the company's suppliers and internal industry summaries before his exit.

He also directed Apple employees applying to work for OpenAI to bring " 'actual parts' from Apple to their interviews for 'show and tell' sessions," according to the suit.

Stunningly, such machinations came at OpenAI's behest, the suit stated.

"This is part of OpenAI's strategy to extract Apple's confidential information," it read, adding: "OpenAI also instructs new hires on how to avoid scrutiny when they leave Apple."

The suit seems sure to end the high-profile partnership Apple, headed by CEO Tim Cook, and OpenAI launched in 2024, with the consumer hardware company integrating the AI lab's tech into the iPhone operating system.

OpenAI, led by CEO Sam Altman, did not comment.

With Wires

Musk bails on CNBC

Elon Musk postponed a live interview Friday on CNBC just before it was set to begin — leaving tech journalist Julia Boorstin hanging on air.

"We hope he will give us a new time for this interview. But we've just heard that he is postponing," Boorstin said around noon ET.

The tech mogul was expected to discuss Tesla, the blockbuster SpaceX initial public offering and the launch of the company's latest Grok artificial intelligence model.

SpaceX's massive public listing has been of particular interest on Wall Street, and CNBC had hoped to offer its business viewers an inside look at the offering from Musk himself. The record IPO raised a total of $85.7 billion after underwriters exercised the overallotment and minted Musk the world's first trillionaire.

SpaceX didn't respond to a request for comment. *Marc Vartabedian*

VW, BMW China woe

German automakers Volkswagen and BMW posted bruising second-quarter sales declines in China as the market continued to worsen, offsetting some performance gains elsewhere.

In a quarterly sales update, Volkswagen said the Chinese auto market saw a total market decline of around 20% in the first six months of the year.

Volkswagen Group, which houses a stable of brands that includes VW, Audi and Porsche among others, said Friday that its group vehicle deliveries fell 8.6% to 2.08 million in the quarter, weighed by a 37% drop in China.

Meanwhile, BMW said group sales fell 4.9% in the quarter to 590,962 vehicles as its overall performance was hurt by a 30% decline in sales of its BMW and Mini branded cars in China. *Dow Jones*

Coke hot as Pepsi fizzles

Coca-Cola is pounding Pepsi on Wall Street, riding a lean beverage strategy to near-record highs while its bloated rival chokes on a slumping snack business.

Coke shares are nearly the highest ever since the Atlanta-based drinks giant entered the stock market more than a century ago. Meanwhile, PepsiCo's stock has tumbled nearly 30% since peaking just below $200 in 2023.

Pepsi reported better-than-expected second-quarter earnings on Thursday, but the results failed to reassure investors as sales dropped in its core North American beverage division, Barron's noted.

After years of rivalry featuring "Pepsi challenges," ill-fated experiments like "New Coke" and relentless ad campaigns, Coke was widely seen as coming out on top some years ago.

The financial gap between the competitors is most evident in their profitability. Coca-Cola reported a 35% operating margin in the first quarter, up from about 33% a year earlier. PepsiCo's operating margin hovered around 16.5% for the first half of the year, less than half of its rival's.

PepsiCo's challenges stem primarily from its snack division and its approach to bottling operations.

Coca-Cola, by contrast, focuses almost exclusively on beverages. *James Franey*

Meta must change: EU

The European Union's tech regulator told Meta Friday to make big changes to Facebook and Instagram's "addictive" features — or face steep fines.

The European Commission called out Mark Zuckerberg's company for several specific features, including "highly personalized recommendations, autoplay and infinite scroll" that allegedly combine to keep users — including vulnerable kids — hooked on social media.

Meta said it disagreed with the EU's findings.

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Mac to the future!

PRIME TIME? Former two-division UFC Conor McGregor, who turns 38 next week, insists he's still in his prime as he returns to the cage at UFC 329 on Saturday night after a five-year hiatus from competition. SplashNews.com

Ex-champ living in past with UFC return tonight

UFC

Scott Fontana

AWAITING Conor McGregor as he reached his seat on the Las Vegas stage during introductions for Thursday night's UFC 329 prefight press conference were his prized possessions: two UFC championship belts, each strap customized with the Irish tricolor. The leather was a simple black when he captured each one.

"These belts represent every record in the fight business," McGregor, the UFC's box office GOAT, went on to say.

It must feel like just yesterday to McGregor that he ruled as champ-champ — the term he coined for becoming the first simultaneous two-division champion in UFC history.

"Precision beats power, and timing beats speed," an analytical McGregor offered in Sin City the night his laser-guided left hand jolted the legendary Jose Aldo's chin in 13 seconds to capture undisputed featherweight gold.

"Surprise, surprise! The king is back," belted the Dubliner moments after throttling lightweight champ Eddie Alvarez in the UFC's debut at Madison Square Garden, hoisting the championship straps toward the iconic ceiling of The World's Most Famous Arena.

But yesterday has a habit of stretching further away than it seems. Maybe to McGregor, starching Aldo and thrashing Alvarez feels fresh in his mind when he raised his belts Thursday for all to see. These particular yesterdays have lasted quite a while — 11 and 10 years, respectively.

And a lot has happened between those yesterdays and today — Saturday — when McGregor meets Max Holloway in the main event showcase that caps the annual UFC International Fight Week.

Makes sense why McGregor would harken back to the good ol' days and skip over the last decade that's passed since his crowning night at the Garden on Nov. 12, 2016. Probably better for him not to think about any of the following:

- His 1-3 UFC record since then, with high-profile losses to rival Khabib Nurmagomedov and (twice) Dustin Poirier.
- The leg fracture suffered in his last fight against Poirier, chiefly responsible for the five-year hiatus he's about to end.
- The reported, alleged use of banned substances to heal from said injury, plus an 18-month suspension by the UFC's anti-doping administrator (for missing too many tests), and the reported, alleged continued use of said PEDs.
- The party life that caught up to him — filled with admitted overindulgence in booze and recreational drugs, including an admission in court of cocaine use.
- Several battles in court for myriad legal and civil entanglements such as throwing a dolly at a bus in Brooklyn, punching an older man in a Dublin bar, tangling over whiskey money with a former friend and teammate (the one he was supporting by throwing the dolly), and being found civilly liable for the 2018 sexual assault of a woman in a Dublin hotel.
- Making a boatload of money in both fighting and business.

(OK, he'll never want to forget that last one.)

From the sound of the crowd Thursday night, he's not the only one happy to hop into a mental DeLorean and travel all the way back to that yesterday. Those in attendance gobbled up The McGregor Experience and all the boastful mic work that comes with it.

But 10, 11 years ago isn't far enough back. McGregor, who professes to have cleaned up his act after finding God, was happy to look back upon another yesterday: Aug. 17, 2013, the night he first defeated Holloway.

"You didn't lay a glove on me last time. You're not going to lay a glove on me this time," McGregor fired at Holloway, whom the Irishman topped by an uncharacteristically grappling-heavy decision after blowing out his knee midway through the contest.

A whole bunch has changed since that yesterday too, especially for McGregor's opponent. Over 13 years, Holloway has:

- Followed the loss with a 13-fight win streak — going 20-6 overall — including two wins over Aldo to claim the featherweight title McGregor never bothered to defend.
- Successfully defended his crown three times over his two-year reign.
- Set UFC records for most career significant strikes landed (generally strikes from distance) and established the Nos. 1 and 2 highest single-fight significant strikes landed totals.
- Authored one of the most famous knockout victories in MMA history against now-lightweight champ Justin Gaethje to capture the gimmick-driven BMF belt.
- Risen from skinny 21-year-old MMA neophyte to all-time great.

Holloway, now 34, has more UFC belts lying around the house in Hawaii than McGregor does back on the Emerald Isle. It's just that he — like the vast majority of fighters — doesn't bring them around if he's not the current titleholder.

"I guess we're fighting for belts on Saturday night," an amused Holloway, who in 2024 shifted his career up from 145 pounds to 155, kidded during the fan-service presser ahead of their non-title affair at McGregor's preferred weight of 170.

Belt or no belt, McGregor sure sounds like he believes yesterday still is today.

"I am in my prime, now and forever," declared McGregor, three days away from age 38 and five years removed from a career-threatening injury.

Maybe McGregor will indeed bring a heaping helping of yesterday to the cage with him in this rematch. He'll need it.

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Sinner routs Djokovic to set up final vs. Zverev

Associated Press

If there were any lingering questions over Jannik Sinner's physical status after his meltdown at the French Open, they should be answered now.

Sinner blasted his way past seven-time champion Novak Djokovic 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 on Friday in London to reach the Wimbledon final — showing off the kind of dominance he displayed before that second-round defeat in Paris.

"I knew mentally," Sinner said, "that today I had to raise my level, which I've done."

For the 39-year-old Djokovic, it marked another chance missed at adding to his record total of 24 Grand Slam singles titles. But he expressed interest in playing Wimbledon when he's 40: "I would like to, at least one more time," he said.

It was a measure of revenge for Sinner after Djokovic won their last meeting in five sets in this year's Australian Open semifinals.

Aiming to defend his title at the grass-court Grand Slam, the top-ranked Sinner will face second-seeded Alexander Zverev in Sunday's final.

Zverev ended the "Ferytale" run of British wild card Arthur Fery with an overpowering 7-6 (0), 6-2, 6-4 victory earlier as the star-studded crowd on Centre Court witnessed two one-way contests.

Zverev will be playing for another major trophy a month after winning his first Grand Slam title at Roland Garros.

"This Grand Slam has always been the one that I struggled with the most and all of a sudden I'm in the final of Wimbledon," the 29-year-old German said. "We got one more match to go on Sunday and that's what the focus is on."

➤ Saturday's women's final features two Czech players, Karolina Muchova against Linda Noskova.

Ex-Heat teammates clash on Vegas practice court

By COLLIN WARD

An ugly breakup in Miami continues.

Bam Adebayo and Tyler Herro got into a physical altercation at a practice court in Las Vegas on Friday morning, ESPN's Shams Charania reported.

TYLER HERRO

BAM ADEBAYO

Adebayo struck Herro in the face as they were leaving the court.

The altercation started when Adebayo confronted Herro about comments he made about the center on social media after being traded to the Bucks.

"We are aware and not commenting," the Heat said in a statement to ESPN. The Bucks had no comment.

Herro posted a graphic on his Instagram story of players with the worst field goal percentage from midrange, featuring Giannis Antetokounmpo and Adebayo.

Antetokounmpo was first on the list, shooting 26.8% while Adebayo was 10th, shooting 35.9%.

Instagram DMs were also leaked where he took shots at the Heat center.

A fan argued with Herro that Adebayo was worth the contract he got because he is a "top five defender" and averages 20 points and 10 rebounds a game.

Herro responded, arguing you should not get paid $60 million for being a good defender on some nights.

As the conversation continued, Herro did not specifically mention Adebayo's name, but did not deny it was about him.

The center didn't make $60 million during the 2025-26 season, however, and will not make that much next season either.

Adebayo signed a three-year, $160,342,092 contract with the Heat in 2024 and is set to make $49,488,300 next year, according to Spotrac.

The tension between the two is relatively surprising as they spent the last seven seasons together with an unfriendly relationship never reported.

Herro was sent to Milwaukee as a part of a large package that sent Antetokounmpo to the Heat.

The Bucks received Herro, Jaime Jaquez Jr., Kel'el Ware, Kasparas Jakuionis, and draft picks, including the 13th overall pick in the 2026 NBA Draft. The Heat got Antetokounmpo and Bobby Portis in return.

The trade also shouldn't come as too much of a surprise to Herro as reports about the Heat trying to get the Greek Freak were widely known. Miami had also reportedly offered the guard in deals for other superstars such as Kevin Durant in the past.

Herro was drafted by the Heat in 2019 with the No. 13 pick after his successful career at Kentucky. In his seven seasons in Miami, he's averaged 19.5 points, five rebounds and 4.1 assists.

Soto not planning on HR Derby run

By DAN MARTIN

Juan Soto will be in Philadelphia next week for the All-Star Game but said Friday he didn't intend to participate in the Home Run Derby.

"No, I don't think I'm going to make it," Soto said before the Mets' 6-2 loss to the Red Sox at Citi Field on Friday. "I'm good."

Soto said last week he had "to check where my body's at" before making a decision about the Derby, which he won in 2022 at Dodger Stadium while still with the Nationals.

After getting voted into the All-Star Game, Soto added last week he would factor in "how much I need to recover and be ready for the second half. We have got to think about every situation and we'll go from there."

Soto wasn't selected to the All-Star Game last season, his first after signing a 15-year, $765 million deal with the Mets.

This season, he left little doubt.

Despite missing nearly three weeks with a calf injury, he entered Friday leading the National League in OPS, slugging percentage and on-base percentage. He also had three homers in his previous four games.

Soto is the only Met headed to Tuesday's game.

METS NOTES

➤ **Clay Holmes** threw two innings against hitters off the mound at Citi Field on Friday.

The right-hander has been out with a fractured right fibula since mid-May and expects to throw live batting practice in his next time out, which could happen during the All-Star break.

It would be the first time facing hitters taking swings, but Holmes is confident he won't need much time after that, provided he doesn't hit any setbacks.

"I threw all my pitches and am getting the feel of things again," said Holmes, who threw 40 pitches Friday. "I just have to build my pitch count up."

Holmes noted he was able to throw at "full bullpen intensity" since he was able to do some throwing even when he was wearing a boot on the fractured foot.

He impressed interim manager **Andy Green** Friday.

"It looked like Clay," Green said. "He had really good stuff, and it was moving all over the place. It was good to see."

Green added Holmes was "marching towards [minor league rehab] games" now that he's thrown off a mount four times.

➤ For a second straight game, **A.J. Ewing** was moved from center field to second base... **Luis Robert Jr.** homered in a minor league rehab game with Double-A Binghamton. ... **Brett Baty** extended his career-best hitting streak to 10 games... RHP **Tobias Myers** was recalled from Syracuse on Friday, with right-hander **Dan Hammer** designated for assignment.

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Indiana	13	9	.591	—
Liberty	13	9	.591	—
Washington	10	10	.500	2
Toronto	9	13	.409	4
Chicago	7	15	.318	6
Connecticut	5	18	.217	8½

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	16	6	.727	—
Las Vegas	16	6	.727	—
Golden State	17	7	.708	—
Dallas	15	8	.652	1½
Los Angeles	10	11	.476	5½
Portland	9	13	.409	7
Phoenix	8	15	.348	8½
Seattle	6	18	.250	11

Friday
Dallas 108, Toronto 95
Golden State 79, Connecticut 64
Los Angeles 102, Chicago 87

Saturday
Liberty at Minnesota, 1pm
Portland at Atlanta, 4pm
Phoenix at Las Vegas, 6pm

Sunday
Liberty at Toronto, 3pm
Seattle at Washington, 3pm
Chicago at Dallas, 7pm
Indiana at Las Vegas, 9pm

Monday
Los Angeles at Atlanta, 7pm
Phoenix at Minnesota, 9pm

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Diego	9	4	1	28	21	13
Portland	8	3	3	27	24	14
Washington	7	2	3	24	20	10
Gotham FC	7	3	3	24	15	8
Utah Royals FC	7	4	3	24	21	16
Kansas City	8	6	0	24	21	20
North Carolina	6	3	3	21	20	14
Orlando	6	6	2	20	21	19
Angel City	5	6	1	16	18	14
Denver Summit FC	4	5	3	15	17	16
Bay FC	4	6	3	15	13	19
Seattle	4	6	2	14	11	16
Houston	4	7	2	14	15	21
Boston Legacy FC	3	7	4	13	15	21
Chicago	4	10	0	12	8	28
Louisville	2	10	1	7	15	26

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday
Boston Legacy FC 2, Chicago 0
Bay FC 2, Louisville 0
Orlando 3, Kansas City 0
Gotham FC 3, Utah Royals FC 1

Saturday
Washington at North Carolina, 6:30pm
Angel City at San Diego, 8:45pm

Sunday
Portland at Seattle, 4pm
Houston at Denver Summit FC, 7pm

Wednesday
Boston Legacy FC at Orlando, 7pm
Washington at Gotham FC, 8pm

Friday, July 17
San Diego at Kansas City, 8pm

Saturday, July 18
Seattle at Gotham FC, 12pm
Portland at Denver Summit FC, 2pm
North Carolina at Bay FC, 4pm
Angel City at Chicago, 6:30pm
Houston at Louisville, 8pm
Orlando at Utah Royals FC, 8:45pm

Sunday, July 19
Washington at Boston Legacy FC, 7pm

LPGA Schedule

July 9-12 — The Amundi Evian Championship, Evian-les-Bains, France
July 23-26 — ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open, Troon, United Kingdom
July 30-Aug. 2 — AIG Women's Open, Lancashire, United Kingdom
Aug. 13-16 — The Standard Portland Classic, Portland, Ore.

FIFA World Cup

QUARTERFINAL
Thursday
France 2, Morocco 0
Friday
Spain 2, Belgium 1
Saturday
Norway vs. England, 5pm
Argentina vs. Switzerland, 9pm
SEMIFINAL
Tuesday
France vs. Spain, 3pm
Wednesday
Norway/England vs. Argentina/Switzerland, 3pm

MLS

EAST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	10	1	3	33	31	11
Inter Miami CF	9	2	4	31	39	28
Chicago	8	4	2	26	27	16
New England	8	5	1	25	22	18
Red Bulls	6	5	4	22	25	32
Charlotte FC	6	6	3	21	24	23
Cincinnati	5	5	5	20	36	37
NYCFC	5	6	4	19	25	21
D.C. United	4	5	6	18	21	25
Columbus	4	7	4	16	21	23
CF Montréal	4	8	2	14	22	31
Orlando City	4	9	2	14	23	44
Toronto FC	3	6	5	14	22	29
Atlanta	3	9	2	11	14	23
Philadelphia	1	10	4	7	18	30

WEST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	10	2	2	32	34	12
San Jose	10	3	2	32	34	15
Real Salt Lake	8	4	2	26	26	19
FC Dallas	7	4	4	25	30	22
Los Angeles FC	7	5	3	24	24	17
Seattle FC	7	3	3	24	17	11
Houston	7	6	1	22	19	23
Minn. United	6	5	4	22	18	22
LA Galaxy	5	5	5	20	22	22
San Diego FC	4	6	5	17	30	27
Colorado	5	9	1	16	25	24
St Louis City	4	6	4	16	16	20
Portland	4	8	2	14	22	28
Austin FC	3	7	5	14	19	31
Sporting K.C.	3	9	2	11	14	36

Note: 3 pts. for win, 1 for tie

Thursday
Toronto FC at CF Montréal, 7:30pm
Vancouver at Chicago, 8:30pm
Sporting K.C. at St Louis City, 8:30pm
Portland at Seattle FC, 10:30pm

Friday
Atlanta at Nashville, 8:10pm
Los Angeles FC at LA Galaxy, 10:25pm

F1 Schedule

July 19 — Belgian Grand Prix 2026, Spa-Francorchamps.
July 26 — Hungarian Grand Prix 2026, Budapest.
Aug. 23 — Dutch Grand Prix 2026, Zandvoort, Netherlands.
Sept. 6 — Italian Grand Prix 2026, Monza.
Sept. 13 — Spanish Grand Prix 2026, Madrid.
Sept. 26 — Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2026, Baku.
Oct. 11 — Singapore Grand Prix 2026, Singapore City.
Oct. 25 — United States Grand Prix 2026, Austin, Texas.
Nov. 1 — Gran Premio de Mexico 2026, Mexico City.
Nov. 8 — Sao Paulo Grand Prix 2026, Sao Paulo.
Nov. 22 — Las Vegas Grand Prix 2026, Las Vegas.

Golf

LPGA Tour- The Amundi Evian Championship
At Evian Resort Golf Club; Evian-les-Bains, France; Purse: $9.1 million; Yardage: 6,479; Par: 71
Second Round

Lottie Woad	67-64	131	-11
Aki Iwai	63-69	132	-10
Hae-Ran Ryu	66-68	134	-8
Mao Saigo	66-68	134	-8
Charley Hull	66-70	136	-6
Nastasia Nadaud	68-68	136	-6
Jeeno Thitikul	72-64	136	-6
Miyu Yamashita	70-66	136	-6
Perrine Delacour	65-72	137	-5
Erika Hara	67-70	137	-5
Brooke Henderson	67-70	137	-5
Jin Hee Im	66-71	137	-5
Auston Kim	70-67	137	-5
Anna Nordqvist	69-68	137	-5
Shuri Sakuma	70-67	137	-5
Hinako Shibuno	69-68	137	-5
Maja Stark	66-71	137	-5
Ariya Jutanugarn	70-68	138	-4
Minami Katsu	70-68	138	-4
Lydia Ko	69-69	138	-4
Somi Lee	68-70	138	-4
Amy Yang	70-68	138	-4
Casandra Alexander	73-66	139	-3
Kajsa Arwefjall	69-70	139	-3
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	69-70	139	-3
Cara Gainer	67-72	139	-3
Nataliya Guseva	70-69	139	-3
Soo Bin Joo	72-67	139	-3
Sei Young Kim	69-70	139	-3
Sara Kouskova	72-67	139	-3
Jennifer Kupcho	69-70	139	-3
Shiho Kuwaki	70-69	139	-3

PGA/DP World Tour- Genesis Scottish Open
At The Renaissance Club; North Berwick, United Kingdom; Purse: $9 million; Yardage: 7,282; Par: 70
Second Round

Tom Kim,	65-66	131	-9
Rory McIlroy,	65-66	131	-9
Jordan L. Smith,	68-63	131	-9
Matt Fitzpatrick,	67-65	132	-8
Min Woo Lee,	66-66	132	-8
Chris Gotterup,	68-65	133	-7
Joost Luiten,	67-66	133	-7
Robert MacIntyre,	67-66	133	-7
Keita Nakajima,	67-66	133	-7
Victor Perez,	69-64	133	-7
Nicolai Von Dellingshausen,	69-64	133	-7
Sudarshan Yellamaraju,	68-65	133	-7
Wyndham Clark,	67-67	134	-6
Nicolai Hojgaard,	68-66	134	-6
Michael Thorbjornsen,	66-68	134	-6
Karl Vilips,	70-64	134	-6
Danny Willett,	67-67	134	-6
Marcus Armitage,	68-67	135	-5
Ryan Gerard,	68-67	135	-5
Oliver Lindell,	66-69	135	-5
Guido Migliozzi,	68-67	135	-5
Patrick Reed,	68-67	135	-5
Kevin Roy,	67-68	135	-5
Darius Van Driel,	70-65	135	-5
Ricky Castillo,	70-66	136	-4
Cameron Davis,	70-66	136	-4
Hennie Du Plessis,	70-66	136	-4
Austin Eckroat,	70-66	136	-4
Ryan Fox,	71-65	136	-4
Tyrrell Hatton,	70-66	136	-4
Calum Hill,	67-69	136	-4
Casey Jarvis,	68-68	136	-4
John Keefer,	68-68	136	-4

PGA/DP World Tour- ISCO Championship
At Championship Course; Louisville, Ky.; Purse: $4 million; Yardage: 7,056; Par: 70
Second Round

Lucas Glover,	63-64	127	-13
Steven Fisk,	63-66	129	-11
Chan Kim,	64-65	129	-11
Jeong-Weon Ko,	65-65	130	-10
Aaron Wise,	65-65	130	-10
William Mouw,	68-63	131	-9
Davis Chatfield,	68-64	132	-8
Stephan Jaeger,	63-69	132	-8
Rafael Campos,	66-67	133	-7
Manuel Elvira, Spain	68-65	133	-7
A.J. Ewart, Canada	66-67	133	-7
Tom Hoge,	66-67	133	-7
Romain Langasque,	66-67	133	-7
Justin Lower,	68-65	133	-7

Champions Tour- Kaulig Companies Championship
At Firestone Country Club - South Course; Akron, Ohio; Purse: $3.5 million; Yardage: 7,248; Par: 70
Second Round

Cameron Percy	67-66	133	-7
Zach Johnson	67-67	134	-6
Jerry Kelly	65-69	134	-6
Boo Weekley	68-67	135	-5
Ryan Armour	68-68	136	-4
Darren Clarke	66-70	136	-4
Retief Goosen	69-67	136	-4
Tag Ridings	70-66	136	-4
Stewart Cink	69-68	137	-3
Soren Kjeldsen	67-70	137	-3
Stephen Ames	69-69	138	-2
Mike Weir	66-72	138	-2
Jason Caron	70-69	139	-1
Ben Crane	71-68	139	-1
Miguel Angel Jimenez	72-67	139	-1

Post Time: **12:35 p.m.**
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Saratoga

Analysis by Vic Cangialosi

Lock of the Day
Midnight Still (1st)
Lock Record: 2 for 4 (50%)
Meet Record: 11/50 $53.72

1 5 1/2 fur; $115,000; mdn; 2YO

Two turf stakes on the 11 race card. The Caress and the Bowling Green...Two-year-old colts in the opener. **MIDNIGHT STILL** raced evenly, a couple of lengths shy debuting at Churchill. Stretches; Prat picks up the mount. Edge over the debuting **HARBAUGH** (Casse/J Ortiz/Not This Time). **MOTAWAALI** Outrun; eased after racing wide. Another chance for Mott. Value's up; Johnny V up.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Midnight Still,123	F Prat	3-x-x	LaRose	6-5
2	Motawaali,123	J Velazquez	9-x-x	Mott	15-1
3	Decimation,123	R Santana, Jr	5-x-x	Asmussen	7-2
4	Johnny Hockey,123	J Rosario	3-6-x	Arriaga	8-1
5	Harbaugh,123	J Ortiz	x-x-x	Casse	5-2
6	Magic Chuck,123	T Gaffalione	x-x-x	Beckman	6-1

2 5 1/2 fur; $115,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

Eight two-year-old fillies make their career debuts. Our top 4 **AERIAL AFFAIR** (Antonucci/Zayas/Flightline), **ANGEL OF KIRK** (Cox/Prat/Yaupon), **HOT FRIES** (Asmussen/Santana/Jackies Warrior) and **HARPOON** (Casse/J Ortiz/Cyberknife). Aerial Affair worked 5/8 in :58.2.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Bluegrass Princess,123	D Davis	x-x-x	McPeek	10-1
2	Hormesis,123	M Franco	x-x-x	LaRose	8-1
3	Hot Fries,123	R Santana, Jr	x-x-x	Asmussen	7-2
4	Rum Twist,123	J Velazquez	x-x-x	Hennig	15-1
5	Angel of Kirk,123	F Prat	x-x-x	Cox	5-2
6	Harpoon,123	J Ortiz	x-x-x	Casse	9-2
7	Aerial Affair,123	E Zayas	x-x-x	Antonucci	3-1
8	Christopher Vedder,123	J Rodriguez	x-x-x	Cox	12-1

3 6 fur; $120,000; alw; 3up(f)

Only 3/4 short racing off the 14 month layoff, **SPEIGHTFUL LILY** moves forward 2nd off the shelf. Won by open lengths in only start at this shorter distance. **ARMY GAL** About 3 lengths short last pair, this distance. Good 2nd, weak 4th here last summer. **GRIDLOCK** is 1 for 10 racing 6 furlongs after finishing 2nd at Monmouth, then a closer 3rd at Delaware. Exotics value.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Next On Stage(L),126	M Franco	8-3-1	Rice	3-1
2	Mischief Lady(L),126	K Davis	8-8-3	Barker	12-1
3	Gridlock(L),126	J Rodriguez	3-2-3	Simone	15-1
4	Edistrudis(L),126	E Zayas	6-2-1	Kantarmaci	12-1
5	Army Gal(L),126	J Lezcano	4-4-3	Rice	9-5
6	Speightful Lily(L),126	F Prat	2-2-3	Abreu	6-5

4 1 mile(T); $125,000; alw; 3up

On the turf. **LIFE AND TIMES** has never been on grass. 5 starts; 2 wins; 3 second place finishes on dirt including a pair of graded stakes. J Ortiz rides the wildcard for Pletcher. **DREAMLIKE** MTO. No worse than 2nd making 5 starts over the wet. **ALAN TURING** Versatile. Two-time turf winner won the Commentator on dirt last out. Using longshot in exotics with **SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN** who has won 4 of last 5. The loss was in the Mohawk.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Sounds Like a Plan(L),126	R Santana, Jr	1-1-3	De Paz	4-1
2	Sherlock's Jewel(L),126	J Rosario	4-9-1	McGaughey III	8-1
3	Final Verdict(L),126	T Gaffalione	3-2-2	Barker	6-1
4	Intellect(FR)(L),126	F Prat	4-2-2	C Brown	4-1
5	Burhan(GB)(L),126	M Franco	4-3-x	C Brown	6-1
6	Alan Turing(L),126	D Davis	1-2-1	Quick	10-1
7	Life and Times(L),126	J Ortiz	3-3-3	Pletcher	7-2
8	Ciao Chuck(L),126	J Rodriguez	3-4-7	Abreu	12-1
9	Ejtimaa(L),126	J Velazquez	4-2-4	Dini	10-1
10	Dreamlike(L),126	M Franco	2-2-3	Rice	3-1
11	Georgia Magic(L),126	J Rodriguez	1-4-2	Schauer	7-2
12	Castle Chaos(L),126	Rider TBA	1-2-1	Kantarmaci	12-1

5 5 1/2 fur(T); $250,000; Caress; 4up(f)

A fast closing 2nd in the Intercontinental, **ITALIAN SOIREE** is the choice in the Caress. Won other 2 starts at this distance including the Coronation Cup here last summer. **SUNNA** takes a stab at a graded stake after winning all 4 grass starts including a 100k at Laurel. **IN OUR TIME** won a Grade 2 at Keeneland before finishing 5th behind top pick in the Intercontinental.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Zeitlos,120	J Ortiz	6-2-4	Asmussen	4-1
2	Movin' On Up,120	T Gaffalione	4-3-5	Joseph	9-2
3	Italian Soiree,120	D Davis	2-9-1	Motion	7-2
4	Sunna,122	J Rosario	1-1-1	Sweezey	2-1
5	Obstreperous,120	J Rodriguez	1-7-6	Simone	15-1
6	In Our Time,124	F Prat	5-1-9	Joseph	5-2

6 5 1/2 fur; $115,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

More 2YOs. **UPTOWN ROSIE** (Sharp/Franco/Epicenter) and **SECRET CONNECTION** (J Englehart/J Ortiz/Connect) are live first-timers. **ANNOTATE** has a race under her. Took money and came home 6th of 10 as fave. Better 2nd time around for Asmussen. **ROSAPENNA** (Maker/Prat/Mo Donegal) and **DMUEHL** (Cox/Rodriguez/Army Mule) load the gate 1st time as well.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Rosapenna,123	F Prat	x-x-x	Maker	9-2
2	Call Me Rosie,123	K Davis	x-x-x	Noda	12-1
3	Luck Penny,123	J Lezcano	x-x-x	Weaver	8-1
4	Secret Connection,123	J Ortiz	x-x-x	Englehart	5-2
5	Early and Often,123	J Velazquez	x-x-x	Hennig	8-1
6	Uptown Rosie,123	M Franco	x-x-x	Sharp	6-1
7	D'muehl,123	J Rodriguez	x-x-x	Cox	5-1
8	Randi's Girl,123	R Silvera	x-x-x	Rodriguez	12-1
9	B Yutiful Carly,123	R Santana, Jr	x-x-x	De Paz	15-1
10	Lady Azul,123	D Haddock	x-x-x	Synnefias	15-1
11	Beach Belle,123	T Gaffalione	x-x-x	Beckman	6-1
12	Annotate,123	J Ortiz	6-x-x	Asmussen	4-1
13	In the Queue,123	D Davis	x-x-x	Maker	12-1
14	Miss Judged,123	M Franco	x-x-x	Green	8-1

7 1 mile(T); $125,000; alw; 3up

Going to **CANDYTOWN**. Value's up after turning in 4 lengths short while racing wide. Sweet, 2nd off the layoff for Pletcher. **UNLIMITEDPOTENTIAL** enters off an easy gate-to-wire win at this distance if we're off turf. **YINZER** makes 4YO debut for Asmussen. 1 for 6 on turf but 2nd in a 250k last summer. J Ortiz up. **STARSHIP TITAN** makes seasonal debut as well. 2 for 3 last year. Won at Aqueduct to the tune of 39-1 in October. **WALLEY WORLD** Thisclose 2nd this level/distance at Gulfstream. Contender.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Starship Titan(L),126	R Gutierrez	1-1-7	Nevin	8-1
2	Unit Economics(GB)(L),126	F Prat	5-2-1	C Brown	5-2
3	Walley World(L),126	T Gaffalione	2-5-1	Joseph	5-1
4	Yinzer(L),126	J Ortiz	2-3-6	Asmussen	3-1
5	Slapintheface(L),126	M Franco	1-1-2	A Dutrow	8-1
6	Daunt(L),126	R Santana, Jr	6-4-5	Ribaudo	20-1
7	Candytown(L),126	E Zayas	6-4-4	Pletcher	8-1
8	Plensa(L),126	J Lezcano	4-7-11	Arnold II	6-1
9	Ranger Battalion(L),126	J Rodriguez	6-5-4	Rice	20-1
10	Gewurztraminer(L),126	J Ortiz	2-3-2	LaRose	3-1
11	Waitlist(L),126	R Silvera	5-1-2	Rice	5-1
12	Unlimitedpotential(L),126	D Davis	1-3-4	Noda	2-1
13	Otello(L),126	F Prat	3-3-3	Kantarmaci	7-2

8 5 1/2 fur(T); $120,000; alw; 3up

Believe **GYPSY ART** rebounds. Scored 2 back then a fast closing 2nd before shipping from Churchill. Ward gives him more ground; gets Davis to ride. **PAIR OF SOCKS** MTO. Has a win over the wet. **BOSUN** was a troubled 4th of 8 at Fair Grounds before heading to the sidelines. 2 for 2 at the Spa. Gafflione picks him up for Joe Sharp. **MISSION IMPROBABLE** rumbled from off the pace to win at 28-1. Can he outkick Gypsy Art?

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Cyclonite(L),126	J Ortiz	6-3-3	Casse	9-2
2	Bosun(L),126	T Gaffalione	4-6-6	Sharp	7-2
3	Sweeping Shadow(L),122	E Zayas	3-4-1	Lewis	15-1
4	Cuando(L),126	J Lezcano	5-8-2	Levine	6-1
5	Mission Improbable(L),126	R Santana, Jr	1-2-2	Brisset	8-1
6	Forgiving Spirit(L),126	R Silvera	3-5-4	Rodriguez	12-1
7	Grunge(L),122	J Rodriguez	4-1-4	Clement	10-1
8	Gypsy Art(L),122	D Davis	2-1-5	Ward	4-1
9	No Evidence(L),126	F Prat	7-3-9	Clement	8-1
10	Oil Capital(L),126	M Franco	4-3-1	Rice	12-1
11	Agoo(L),126	T Gaffalione	2-1-6	Beckman	7-2
12	Pair of Socks(L),126	J Lezcano	2-3-2	Rice	2-1
13	Brightline Bullet(L),126	J Rodriguez	10-1-3	Clement	5-1

9 1 mile; $105,000; alw; 3up

Turf to dirt for Ryerson's **SUNDAY BOY**. He's 1 for 5 on dirt. The win in a NY-bred Stallion Stake last winter. J Ortiz a good sign. **TRICKY BUSINESS** debuted with a W at this distance, then a tired 4th in the longer Pegasus at Monmouth. Rebound in cards; Prat was aboard for the victory. **TOSCANO** was a rusty 4th after a year long layoff. Won by a 1/2 dozen, this distance last year. Improvement expected 2nd off the shelf. Gaffalione subs for Prat. **JUDGE BOUSHAY** broke maiden (4th start) after losing to Tricky Business.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Az U Chase Me(L),126	S Fret	7-3-1	Torelli	20-1
2	Tricky Business(L),121	F Prat	4-1-x	Weaver	2-1
3	Hey Toby(L),126	J Rodriguez	4-2-6	Englehart	12-1
4	Toscano(L),126	T Gaffalione	4-2-4	Maker	5-2
5	King Farro(L),121	D Davis	1-3-3	Falcone	6-1
6	Sunday Boy(L),121	J Ortiz	4-3-3	Ryerson	6-1
7	Judge Boushay(L),121	M Franco	1-2-3	C Brown	3-1

10 1 3/8 miles(T); $250,000; Bowling Green; 4up

European-bred **FORT GEORGE** makes his US debut in the 3 turn, Grade 2 Bowling Green. He's 3 for 9 on grass and has won twice at 1 1/4 miles. **YO DADDY** won the Excelsior in April but offered little in the Suburban. Choice if we're off turf. **CARSONS RUN** was a disappointing 4th racing for 80k. Won a Grade 3 this distance back in 2024. Hasn't won since. **MINARET STATION** got up for 2nd in the shorter Arlington. No history at this distance but he may benefit. **OLE CRAZY BONE** Board hitter 12 of 14 on turf.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Ole Crazy Bone,124	F Prat	2-1-2	Maker	5-2
2	Soleil Volant,120	T Gaffalione	2-1-7	Motion	12-1
3	Desvio,124	J Velazquez	4-2-3	Meyers	12-1
4	Fort George(GB),122	K Shoemark	x-x-x	Walker	9-5
5	Carson's Run,120	J Rosario	4-6-7	Clement	10-1
6	Minaret Station,120	J Ortiz	2-4-1	Walden	2-1
7	Carcano,120	M Franco	3-2-6	Oliver	15-1
8	Yo Daddy,124	R Santana, Jr	6-6-1	Rice	6-5
9	Kinetic,124	F Prat	6-1-7	Kantarmaci	7-2
10	Dr. Kraft,124	S Gonzalez	2-4-4	Kantarmaci	5-1

11 1 1/16 miles(T); $100,000; mdn; 3up

MAXIMUM HEAT (Rice/J Ortiz/Maxfield) makes career debut in the nightcap. **COACH RYAN** was 5th, than a much closer 2nd before going on the shelf last October. Returns, same distance for Chad Brown. **KARSTEN** debuted a wide 3rd behind **CLASSIC COMMANDER** who was 2nd. Prat on Karsten. Classic Commander is now 0 for 8.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Professor Proton(L),121	R Gutierrez	4-6-x	Hennig	15-1
2	Classic Commander(L),121	E Zayas	2-4-6	Kantarmaci	8-1
3	Tango Tango(M),126	C Gonzalez	x-x-x	Hooper	30-1
4	Runcot(L),121	R Silvera	8-x-x	James Bond	20-1
5	Karsten(L),121	F Prat	3-x-x	Abreu	3-1
6	Before the Wind(L),126	J Rodriguez	5-2-4	Merryman	6-1
7	Tizlawry(L),121	J Lezcano	8-5-4	Englehart	20-1
8	Imperial Anthem(L),121	D Davis	9-x-x	Englehart	20-1
9	Manor Park(L),121	T Gaffalione	3-9-x	Begg	10-1
10	Coach Ryan(M),121	M Franco	2-5-x	C Brown	5-2
11	Maximum Heat(M),121	J Ortiz	x-x-x	Rice	5-1
12	Sunshine Bobalou(M),121	Rider TBA	5-x-x	Chichakly	8-1

PLAY OF THE DAY

Our plays are still not cooperating. Iron Orchard (6-1) rushed to the lead and showed the way before stopping. Loss of -$40.

One more for Saturday. Play $10 across the board on Candytown in Race 7.

— Vic Cangialosi

Saratoga Results

FIRST-1 mile 1 fur; $115,000; mdn spl wt; 3up

4	Commerc (Alvrdo)	6.88	3.44	2.38
5	Presidental Power (Ortz)		4.10	2.64
3	Pauillac (Franco)			2.64

Scr: Hadrian's Wall

● $1 Exacta (4-5) $14.42 ● $0.1 Superfecta (4-5-3-2) $3.99 ● $0.5 Trifecta (4-5-3) $18.02

Winner picked by Vic C

SECOND-1 mile; $115,000; mdn spl wt; 2YO F

1	Pros nd Cns (Ortz)	6.12	3.32	2.18
2	Golden Siren (Prat)		6.06	2.84
7	Mary's Gunna Run (Rodrguez)			2.10

Scr: Bittersweet Memory

● $1 Daily Double (4-1) $10.49 ● $1 Exacta (1-2) $15.00 ● $1 Quinella (1-2) $8.40 ● $0.1 Superfecta (1-2-7-5) $9.82 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-2-7) $12.45 ● $1 Consolation Double (4-4) $3.36

THIRD-6½ fur; $110,000; alw; 3up

1	Nw Yrk Scrppy (Prt)	11.40	5.12	4.20
5	Kenny Be (Santana,Jr.)		5.90	3.86
4	On the Hill (Zayas)			7.68

● $1 Consolation Pick 3 (4-4-1) $23.39 ● $1 Pick 3 (4-1-1) $58.28 ● $1 Daily Double (1-1) $21.20 ● $1 Exacta (1-5) $32.25 ● $0.1 Superfecta (1-5-4-2) $32.85 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-5-4) $82.87

FOURTH-1 1/16 mile; $120,000; alw; 3up

6	Elnajd (Franco)	6.48	3.36	2.74
4	Favorable Scenaro (Prat)		2.68	2.22
1	Sardis (Gaffalione)			4.96

Scr: Gulfy, Three Technique, Playa Del Mar, Debt Limit (FR)

● $1 Pick 3 (1-1-6) $56.75 ● $1 Daily Double (1-6) $24.70 ● $1 Exacta (6-4) $6.82 ● $1 Quinella (4-6) $3.81 ● $0.1 Superfecta (6-4-1-7) $11.60 ● $0.5 Trifecta (6-4-1) $30.83

Quinella picked by Vic C

FIFTH-6½ fur; $125,000; alw; 3up

5	Whtchtlknbt (Ortz)	5.62	3.18	2.58
4	Contrry Thnkng (Rdrguz)		3.44	2.78
6	Commuted (Santana,Jr.)			5.32

Scr: Paradise Valley

● $1 Pick 3 (1-6-5) $81.50 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (1-1-6-2/5) $188.25 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (1/4-1-1-6-2/5) $826.75 ● $1 Daily Double (6-5) $12.34 ● $1 Exacta (5-4) $8.18 ● $0.1 Superfecta (5-4-6-1) $17.37 ● $0.5 Trifecta (5-4-6) $32.13

Superfecta picked by Vic C

SIXTH-1 1/16mile; $75,000; md cl($100,0); 3p

6	Jordn's Lov (Alvrd)	19.72	10.30	6.24
3	Felixyn (Davis)		5.30	4.06
1	Gum (Gaffalione)			4.00

Scr: Reconnected

● $1 Pick 3 (6-5-6) $142.21 ● $1 Daily Double (5-6) $31.44 ● $1 Exacta (6-3) $45.26 ● $0.1 Superfecta (6-3-1-4) $381.59 ● $0.5 Trifecta (6-3-1) $151.05

SEVENTH-5½ fur; $125,000; alw; 3up (f&m)

1	Capturing (Ortiz)	16.06	8.32	3.68
6	Quiet Confidence (Ellott)		8.66	5.44
8	Abientot (Davis)			3.40

Scr: Sing a Little Song, City Blocks, So Sophia

● $1 Pick 3 (5-6-1) $323.28 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (6-2/5-6-1) $723.74 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (1-6-2/5-6-1) $7045.25 ● $1 Daily Double (6-1) $114.02 ● $1 Exacta (1-6) $67.58 ● $0.1 Superfecta (1-6-8-2) $117.56 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-6-8) $106.87

EIGHTH-7 fur; $37,000; alw; 4up (f&m)

2	Baby Sassc (Hrke)	15.72	6.26	4.36
1	Ah Ca Ira (Elliott)		7.94	5.08
8	Curlin's Magic (Rivera)			3.74

Scr: Floge

● $1 Pick 3 (6-1-2) $789.47 ● $1 Daily Double (1-2) $63.87 ● $1 Exacta (2-1) $54.27 ● $0.1 Superfecta (2-1-8-9) $117.07 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-1-8) $135.37

NINTH-6½ fur; $225,000; Victory Ride; 3YO F

1	Sppn Prtty (SntnJr.)	55.18	17.42	10.90
10	Goodall (Prat)		3.78	3.14
9	A Fne Chrdonny (HernndezJr.)			7.90

● $1 Grand Slam (1/3/6-1/6/8-1/2/8-1) $897.22 ● $1 Pick 3 (1-2-1) $1655.14 ● $1 Daily Double (2-1) $215.83 ● $1 Exacta (1-10) $85.57 ● $0.1 Superfecta (1-10-9-4) $482.36 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-10-9) $405.64

TENTH-5½ fur; $62,000; mdn clm($55,0); 3up

1	Two Ducks (Gffln)	9.04	4.14	2.50
5	Twenty Two Blck (Ellott)		5.42	3.22
4	Ink Lies (Ortiz)			2.34

Scr: Yahearmenow

● $1 Pick 6 (2/5-6-1-2-1-1) $1893.27 ● $1 Pick 6 (2/5-6-1-2-1-1) $348202.85 ● $1 Consolation Pick 3 (2-1-3) $168.29 ● $1 Pick 3 (2-1-1) $673.06 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (1-2-1-1) $4298.42 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (6-1-2-1-1) $71110.77 ● $1 Daily Double (1-1) $117.67 ● $1 Exacta (1-5) $18.27 ● $0.1 Superfecta (1-5-4-7) $30.80 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-5-4) $14.85 ● $1 Consolation Double (1-3) $23.28 ● $1 Pick 6 (2/5-6-1-2-1-1) $348202.85 ● $1 Daily Double (1-1) $117.67 ● $1 Exacta (1-5) $18.27 ● $1 Consolidation Pick-3 (2-1-3) $168.29 ● $0.1 Show (1-5-4-7) $30.80 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-5-4) $14.85 ● $1 Consolation Double (1-3) $23.28

AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	55	37	.598	—	—	6-4	W-1	34-14	21-23
Yankees	52	42	.553	4	+5½	4-6	W-2	23-20	29-22
Toronto	45	49	.479	11	1½	6-4	W-3	24-25	21-24
Boston	44	48	.478	11	1½	8-2	W-7	17-27	27-21
Baltimore	44	51	.463	12½	3	5-5	W-2	26-25	18-26

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Cleveland	49	46	.516	—	+2	5-5	W-2	24-22	25-24
Chicago	48	45	.516	—	—	4-6	W-1	29-17	19-28
Minnesota	46	49	.484	3	1	6-4	L-2	24-25	22-24
Detroit	44	50	.468	4½	2½	9-1	W-6	27-21	17-29
Kansas City	38	57	.400	11	9	3-7	L-3	21-26	17-31

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Texas	48	46	.511	—	—	6-4	W-2	23-21	25-25
Seattle	47	48	.495	1½	—	5-5	L-4	27-20	20-28
Houston	46	50	.479	3	1½	4-6	L-2	23-24	23-26
Athletics	41	53	.436	7	5½	1-9	L-7	19-28	22-25
Los Angeles	38	57	.400	10½	9	2-8	W-1	21-25	17-32

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Friday

Yankees 5, Washington 3
Boston 6, **Mets** 2
Detroit 10, Philadelphia 2
Baltimore 5, Kansas City 3
Tampa Bay 7, Seattle 2
Cleveland 3, Miami 2
White Sox 14, Athletics 1
Texas 7, Houston 3
L.A. Angels 4, Minnesota 3
Toronto 5, San Diego 3

Saturday

Yankees at Washington, 4:05
Boston at **Mets**, 4:10
Athletics at White Sox, 2:10
L.A. Angels at Minnesota, 2:10
Cleveland at Miami, 4:10
Seattle at Tampa Bay, 4:10
Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:10
Houston at Texas, 7:05
Kansas City at Baltimore, 7:05
Toronto at San Diego, 8:40

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	54	38	.587	—	—	5-5	W-2	27-18	27-20
Miami	52	43	.547	3½	—	7-3	L-1	31-18	21-25
Philadelphia	52	43	.547	3½	—	5-5	L-1	25-21	27-22
Washington	48	47	.505	7½	4	5-5	L-1	20-29	28-18
Mets	40	55	.421	15½	12	5-5	L-1	21-26	19-29

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	59	34	.634	—	—	7-3	W-1	29-18	30-16
Chicago	52	42	.553	7½	+½	6-4	L-2	27-19	25-23
St. Louis	48	44	.522	10½	2½	4-6	L-1	24-25	24-19
Pittsburgh	47	47	.500	12½	4½	5-5	L-2	24-24	23-23
Cincinnati	43	50	.462	16	8	4-6	W-1	22-26	21-24

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	61	33	.642	—	—	6-4	L-1	31-17	30-17
Arizona	47	47	.500	13½	4½	5-5	W-2	27-20	20-27
San Diego	46	48	.489	14½	5½	3-7	L-2	25-24	21-24
San Francisco	39	54	.419	21	12	4-6	W-1	20-24	19-30
Colorado	38	57	.400	23	14	5-5	L-2	22-25	16-32

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Friday

Yankees 5, Washington 3
Boston 6, **Mets** 2
Atlanta at St. Louis, (n)
Detroit 10, Philadelphia 2
Cleveland 3, Miami 2
Cincinnati 4, Cubs 0
Arizona 9, L.A. Dodgers 3
Colorado at San Francisco, (n)
Toronto 5, San Diego 3
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, ppd.

Saturday

Yankees at Washington, 4:05
Boston at **Mets**, 4:10
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 12:05, 1st gm.
Colorado at San Francisco, 4:05
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 4:05, 2nd gm.
Cleveland at Miami, 4:10
Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:10
Cubs at Cincinnati, 7:10
Atlanta at St. Louis, 7:15
Toronto at San Diego, 8:40
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10

POST SU DOKU **Puzzles on Page 32**

3	5	8	4	9	1	2	6	7
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7	3	5	2	4	8	1	9	6
8	1	2	7	6	9	3	4	5
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Solution to Very Easy #7,336

7	2	8	9	1	3	5	4	6
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8	4	2	6	7	5	1	9	3

Solution to Difficult #7,126

Yankees 5, Nationals 3

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Rosario 3b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.240
McMahon ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.214
d-Volpe ph-ss	1	0	1	0	1	0	.248
Rice dh	4	1	1	1	1	1	.275
Grisham cf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.234
Goldschmidt 1b	5	0	2	0	0	1	.260
Bellinger lf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.250
Domínguez rf	4	2	2	1	0	1	.242
Chisholm 2b	4	1	1	2	0	1	.222
Caballero ss-3b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.250
Wells c	4	1	1	1	0	2	.153
Totals	**37**	**5**	**13**	**5**	**3**	**11**	

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wood rf	5	2	3	1	0	0	.273
Mead 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.240
Crews lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.220
Abrams ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.276
Young cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.224
Chaparro dh	2	0	1	0	0	0	.170
Lile ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.251
Nuñez 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.245
Vivas ph-2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.246
García 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.287
Ruiz c	4	1	1	1	0	1	.279
Totals	**36**	**3**	**8**	**2**	**0**	**8**	

Yankees	**100 100 003**	**—**	**5**	**13**	**3**
Washington	**001 000 200**	**—**	**3**	**8**	**0**

E: Rosario 2 (8), Wells (5). **LOB:** New York 8, Washington 7. **2B:** Wood (23), Abrams (17). **HR:** Rice (29), off Palmquist; Domínguez (5), off Littell; Chisholm (13), off Krook; Wells (6), off Lawrence; Ruiz (7), off Hill; Wood (26), off Hill. **RBIs:** Rice (66), Domínguez (11), Chisholm 2 (36), Wells (12), Ruiz (35), Wood (62). **SB:** Caballero (22), Young (9). **CS:** Bellinger (5). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 5 (Goldschmidt 3, Domínguez, Rice); Washington 5 (Ruiz 2, Vivas 3). **RISP:** New York 0 for 6; Washington 2 for 9.

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Weathers	5.1	6	1	1	0	6	91	4.15
Cruz, H, 15	0.2	0	0	0	0	2	10	2.31
Hill, BS, 0-2	0.1	2	2	2	0	0	8	4.33
Bird	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	6	4.50
Bednar, W, 3-3	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	27	2.77

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Palmquist	3.0	3	1	1	0	4	45	5.79
Littell	4.0	5	1	1	0	5	69	4.90
Cosgrove, H, 1	0.2	1	0	0	1	0	15	0.00
Beeter, H, 5	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	7	2.96
Krook, L, 0-1, BS, 0-2	0.1	2	2	2	0	0	11	17.36
Lawrence	0.2	2	1	1	2	1	24	7.56

T: 3:06. **A:** 38,085 (41,376).

Rangers 7, Astros 3

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Peña ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.294
Alvarez dh	4	1	2	1	0	0	.312
Paredes 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.251
Walker 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Altuve 2b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.235
Wade lf	3	1	2	0	0	0	.250
Dezenzo ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.218
Smith rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.218
Diaz c	3	1	1	2	0	0	.244
Matthews cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.197
Totals	**33**	**3**	**8**	**3**	**1**	**2**	

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Pederson dh	2	1	1	1	1	0	.237
Díaz ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.271
Langford lf	3	2	1	1	1	1	.276
Jung 3b	3	2	1	0	1	1	.297
Nimmo rf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.260
Burger 1b	4	1	1	4	0	0	.244
Duran ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.269
Carter cf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.180
Lopez 2b	1	0	1	0	1	0	.321
Foscue ph-2b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.284
Higashioka c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.219
Totals	**30**	**7**	**8**	**7**	**6**	**7**	

Houston	**000 001 200**	**—**	**3**	**8**	**0**
Texas	**200 010 04x**	**—**	**7**	**8**	**0**

LOB: Houston 4, Texas 5. **2B:** Nimmo (21), Lopez (3). **HR:** Alvarez (30), off Quantrill; Diaz (6), off Martin; Pederson (15), off Brown; Langford (9), off King; Burger (16), off King. **RBIs:** Alvarez (68), Diaz 2 (23), Nimmo (32), Burger 4 (58), Pederson (32), Langford (22). **SB:** Duran (7). **CS:** Carter (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Houston 1 (Matthews); Texas 4 (Pederson, Higashioka 2, Duran). **RISP:** Houston 0 for 4; Texas 2 for 10.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Brown	6.0	4	3	3	5	4	98	3.57
Okert	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	13	2.36
King, L, 2-2	1.0	4	4	4	1	1	19	2.85

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Quantrill	6.0	5	1	1	1	1	79	3.11
Martin, BS, 0-2	0.2	2	2	2	0	0	18	8.31
Winn, W, 5-2	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	17	6.06
Alexander	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	7	2.29

T: 2:29. **A:** 34,899 (40,000).

Red Sox 6, Mets 2

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Seigler 2b	5	2	2	2	0	1	.292
Rafaela cf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.283
Abreu rf	4	2	3	2	1	1	.266
Gonzalez 1b	5	0	0	0	0	4	.265
Yoshida dh	4	0	2	2	1	0	.264
Durbin 3b	5	0	1	0	0	0	.225
Duran lf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.196
Wong c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.287
Cheng ss	4	1	2	0	0	2	.308
Totals	**37**	**6**	**11**	**6**	**5**	**10**	

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ewing cf-2b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.282
Soto lf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.297
Lindor ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.212
Benge rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.269
Polanco dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.176
Young 1b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.243
Alvarez c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.248
Baty 3b	4	2	3	1	0	0	.226
Short 2b	1	0	0	0	1	1	.156
Taylor ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.216
Totals	**34**	**2**	**10**	**2**	**1**	**3**	

Boston	**200 000 202**	**—**	**6**	**11**	**1**
Mets	**001 000 001**	**—**	**2**	**10**	**1**

E: Durbin (5), Soto (2). **LOB:** Boston 11, New York 7. **2B:** Yoshida 2 (10), Abreu (20), Young (7). **HR:** Seigler (2), off Minter; Abreu (11), off Pérez; Baty (4), off Weissert. **RBIs:** Yoshida 2 (14), Seigler 2 (5), Abreu 2 (43), Soto (51), Baty (31). **SB:** Baty (5), Wong (3), Benge (14). **CS:** Wong (1). **SF:** Soto. **S:** Rafaela. **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 7 (Yoshida 2, Wong 2, Durbin 3); New York 4 (Polanco, Alvarez 2, Lindor). **RISP:** Boston 2 for 8; New York 0 for 8.

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gray, W, 11-1	6.0	5	1	1	1	3	91	2.54
Guerrero, H, 9	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	19	2.33
Whitlock, H, 16	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	14	2.25
Weissert	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	11	3.93

Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
McLean, L, 6-6	6.0	5	2	0	2	7	98	3.52
Minter	1.0	4	2	2	0	1	26	1.50
Senga	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	9	8.69
Pérez	0.2	2	2	2	3	1	33	5.75
Curry	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	8	6.75

T: 3:07. **A:** 38,090 (42,136).

Angels 4, Twins 3

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Neto ss	3	0	1	0	1	1	.235
Schanuel 1b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.269
Grissom 3b	3	1	2	2	0	1	.256
Guzman 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.253
Soler dh	4	1	1	0	0	0	.216
Lowe cf-lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.207
Adell rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.249
Peraza 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.241
Meckler lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.301
Siri cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Heineman c	4	1	2	0	0	0	.175
Totals	**33**	**4**	**10**	**3**	**2**	**6**	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Larnach lf	4	1	2	0	1	0	.285
Jeffers c	4	0	1	0	1	0	.294
Clemens 2b	4	0	0	1	0	0	.248
Bell dh	4	1	2	0	0	0	.250
Lewis 1b-3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.216
Lee 3b-ss	3	0	2	1	1	0	.253
Roden rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Martin ph-rf	2	0	0	1	0	1	.246
Gray ss	2	0	1	0	0	0	.232
Kreidler ph-ss	1	0	0	0	0	1	.248
Caratini ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.237
Keaschall cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.252
Totals	**34**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**3**	**4**	

Los Angeles	**000 220 000**	**—**	**4**	**10**	**0**
Minnesota	**100 002 000**	**—**	**3**	**9**	**0**

LOB: Los Angeles 5, Minnesota 9. **2B:** Soler (12), Larnach 2 (18), Bell 2 (20), Lee 2 (15), Jeffers (8). **HR:** Grissom (5), off Matthews. **RBIs:** Grissom 2 (36), Schanuel (34), Clemens (46), Lee (51), Martin (20). **SF:** Grissom, Clemens. **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 0; Minnesota 6 (Lewis, Bell 2, Kreidler, Clemens, Roden). **RISP:** Los Angeles 2 for 4; Minnesota 2 for 11

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rodriguez, W, 3-2	5.1	6	3	3	1	0	79	7.55
Natera, H, 2	1.2	2	0	0	1	2	34	3.00
Bachman, H, 13	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	21	4.14
Yates, S, 3-5	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	13	3.00

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Matthews, L, 4-6	6.0	9	4	4	2	3	102	4.57
Morris	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	25	3.48
Adams	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	6.20

T: 2:43. **A:** 26,893 (38,544).

Tigers 10, Phillies 2

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Turner ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.237
Schwarber dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	.252
Harper 1b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.258
Marsh lf	4	0	1	0	0	3	.306
Bohm 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.218
Stott 2b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.243
Rincones rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.190
Hill cf	4	1	3	2	0	1	.264
Marchán c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.106
Totals	**32**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**3**	**7**	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McGonigle ss	5	1	1	2	0	1	.286
Keith 3b	5	1	1	1	0	1	.249
Greene lf	1	2	1	0	3	0	.291
Malgeri lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Torkelson 1b	4	1	1	2	0	1	.213
Carpenter rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.225
Vierling ph-rf	1	1	0	0	1	0	.198
Valencia dh	4	1	2	1	0	2	.600
McKinstry 2b	3	1	0	1	0	1	.199
Outman cf	4	1	1	2	0	1	.156
Rogers c	3	1	1	0	1	0	.176
Totals	**32**	**10**	**8**	**9**	**5**	**9**	

Philadelphia	**001 100 000**	**—**	**2**	**4**	**1**
Detroit	**002 005 30x**	**—**	**10**	**8**	**1**

E: Mayza (1), McKinstry (4). **LOB:** Philadelphia 7, Detroit 4. **2B:** Greene (19). **3B:** Outman (2). **HR:** Hill (7), off Flaherty; McGonigle (8), off Nola; Keith (8), off Lazar; Torkelson (16), off Lazar. **RBIs:** Hill 2 (15), McGonigle 2 (34), Valencia (2), McKinstry (19), Outman 2 (13), Keith (22), Torkelson 2 (43). **S:** McKinstry. **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 3 (Marchán 2, Schwarber); Detroit 2 (Torkelson, Keith). **RISP:** Philadelphia 1 for 4; Detroit 2 for 4.

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Nola	5.0	3	2	2	2	8	84	5.75
Mayza, L, 2-3	1.0	2	5	4	2	1	36	3.59
Lazar	1.0	3	3	3	1	0	16	7.11
Stubbs	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.00

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Flaherty, W, 3-8	6.0	2	2	2	3	6	86	4.48
Waguespack	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	16	1.46
Sommers	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	3	5.79
Brieske	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	25	7.00

T: 2:32. **A:** 34,084 (41,083).

Reds 4, Cubs 0

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crow-Armstrong cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.293
Bregman 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.235
Busch 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.230
Suzuki rf	4	0	2	0	0	2	.270
Happ lf	3	0	1	0	1	2	.221
Hoerner 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.238
Conforto dh	3	0	0	0	0	3	.243
Kelly c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.274
Swanson ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.213
Totals	**31**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**16**	

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
De La Cruz ss	5	2	2	1	0	0	.272
Stewart 1b	3	0	2	1	0	0	.257
Steer cf-rf	4	1	3	0	0	0	.247
Bleday lf	3	1	1	2	1	1	.240
Suárez dh	4	0	1	0	0	3	.202
Stephenson c	4	0	2	0	0	0	.239
Marte rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.195
Friedl cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.173
Arroyo 2b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.250
Hayes 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.137
Totals	**35**	**4**	**13**	**4**	**1**	**8**	

Chicago	**000 000 000**	**—**	**0**	**4**	**0**
Cincinnati	**000 010 30x**	**—**	**4**	**13**	**0**

LOB: Chicago 5, Cincinnati 9. **2B:** Suzuki (14). **3B:** De La Cruz (3). **HR:** De La Cruz (15), off Imanaga; Bleday (15), off Woodford. **RBIs:** De La Cruz (44), Stewart (65), Bleday 2 (41). **SF:** Stewart. **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 2 (Conforto 2); Cincinnati 3 (Suárez 2, Friedl). **RISP:** Chicago 0 for 5; Cincinnati 0 for 5.

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Imanaga, L, 5-8	5.0	7	1	1	1	5	102	4.17
Thornton	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	7	2.51
Woodford	2.0	5	3	3	0	3	43	7.46

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Greene, W, 1-1	7.0	3	0	0	1	12	93	6.97
Burke	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	12	3.05
Pagán	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	15	6.06

T: 2:35. **A:** 30,878 (43,891).

Orioles 5, Royals 3

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Jensen c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.243
Witt ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.288
Caglianone rf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.260
Thomas cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.229
Massey 2b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.264
Perez 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.210
Rojas 3b	4	0	2	1	0	1	.200
Loftin dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Collins lf	3	1	2	1	0	0	.242
Totals	**33**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**1**	**7**	

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Henderson ss	4	0	1	1	0	1	.219
Rutschman c	3	0	1	0	1	0	.257
Ward lf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.256
Alonso 1b	3	1	1	0	1	2	.250
Basallo dh	4	1	1	2	0	0	.248
Beavers rf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.232
O'Neill ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.195
Cowser cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.216
Alexander 3b	4	2	2	1	0	1	.306
Holliday 2b	3	0	1	1	0	0	.216
Totals	**32**	**5**	**9**	**5**	**3**	**7**	

Kansas City	**000 200 010**	**—**	**3**	**9**	**0**
Baltimore	**020 100 02x**	**—**	**5**	**9**	**0**

LOB: Kansas City 4, Baltimore 6. **2B:** Witt (21), Rojas (2), Collins (16), Massey (16). **HR:** Caglianone (15), off Young; Collins (5), off Young; Alexander (4), off Avila; Basallo (15), off Strahm. **RBIs:** Caglianone (35), Rojas (5), Collins (27), Holliday (15), Henderson (41), Alexander (29), Basallo 2 (44). **CS:** Ward (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 3 (Loftin, Thomas, Rojas); Baltimore 4 (Beavers 3, Rutschman). **RISP:** Kansas City 0 for 6; Baltimore 2 for 7.

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Avila	5.0	7	3	3	3	3	96	5.08
Cruz	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	13	5.04
Lynch	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	2.35
Strahm, L, 3-2	1.0	2	2	2	0	2	22	5.81

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Young	7.0	8	3	3	1	5	85	3.42
Garcia, W, 4-1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	16	2.68
Kittredge, S, 3-5	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	11	4.50

T: 2:18. **A:** 26,993 (45,971).

White Sox 14, Athletics 1

Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Butler rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.200
Langeliers dh	3	0	0	0	0	3	.260
Cortes p	0	0	0	0	1	0	.280
Soderstrom lf	3	1	1	1	0	2	.243
Thomas lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.213
Heim c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.237
Wilson ss	3	0	2	0	0	0	.278
Williams ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.278
Meneses 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.118
Kuroda-Grauer 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.432
Bolte cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.271
McNeil 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.228
Totals	**29**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**11**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Antonacci lf-3b	4	1	1	1	1	0	.288
Murakami 1b	5	1	1	1	0	4	.239
Perez lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Vargas 3b-1b	4	2	3	3	0	0	.245
C.Montgomery ss	5	1	1	0	0	1	.222
B.Montgomery rf	5	1	1	0	0	1	.224
Meidroth 2b	4	2	2	1	1	2	.268
Benintendi dh	5	2	2	4	0	0	.244
Teel c	2	2	0	0	2	1	.180
Peters cf	4	2	4	4	0	0	.303
Totals	**38**	**14**	**15**	**14**	**4**	**9**	

Athletics	**000 000 100**	**—**	**1**	**5**	**1**
Chicago	**000 040 82x**	**—**	**14**	**15**	**0**

E: Butler (3). **LOB:** Athletics 3, Chicago 5. **2B:** Peters (20), Vargas 2 (19), Meidroth (16), Benintendi 2 (14), Murakami (5). **3B:** Peters (3). **HR:** Soderstrom (14), off Burke; Peters (6), off Sterner; Vargas (21), off Cortes. **RBIs:** Soderstrom (42), Benintendi 4 (46), Peters 4 (35), Antonacci (26), Vargas 3 (59), Murakami (42), Meidroth (30). **SB:** Antonacci (13). **SF:** Vargas. **Runners left in scoring position:** Athletics 2 (Butler, Heim); Chicago 4 (Antonacci 2, C.Montgomery, B.Montgomery). **RISP:** Athletics 0 for 4; Chicago 8 for 17.

Athletics	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lopez	1.2	0	0	0	0	1	12	6.83
Civale, L, 5-7	2.1	6	4	4	1	4	58	5.42
Alvarado	2.0	0	0	0	0	3	20	4.94
Sterner	0.0	3	5	5	2	0	21	5.01
Barnett	1.0	3	3	3	1	0	24	4.64
Cortes	1.0	3	2	1	0	1	19	9.00

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Burke, W, 6-4	7.0	4	1	1	0	9	98	3.41
Davis	2.0	1	0	0	1	2	30	4.10

T: 2:39. **A:** 37,539 (40,241).

Guardians 3, Marlins 2

Cleveland	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**BB**	**SO**	**Avg**
Bazzana 2b	3	0	0	1	0	2	.242
Rocchio ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.272
DeLauter rf	4	1	2	2	0	1	.282
Manzardo 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.213
Hoskins dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.178
Watson cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.206
Schneemann 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.209
Hedges c	3	1	1	0	0	1	.289
Kwan lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.221
Totals	**31**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**0**	**9**	

Miami	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**BB**	**SO**	**Avg**
Lopez ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.341
Hernández lf	3	1	1	1	1	0	.236
Edwards 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.301
Sanoja 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.273
Stowers 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.240
Jiménez dh	3	1	1	1	0	0	.217
Hicks ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.285
Ruiz rf	0	0	0	0	3	0	.245
Conine ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.260
Marsee cf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.200
Mack c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.240
Totals	**29**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**5**	**3**	

Cleveland	**000 210 000 —**	**3**	**5**	**0**
Miami	**000 001 100 —**	**2**	**4**	**0**

LOB: Cleveland 2, Miami 6. **HR:** DeLauter (10), off Alcantara; Hernández (13), off Messick; Jiménez (2), off Sabrowski. **RBIs:** DeLauter 2 (45), Bazzana (28), Hernández (36), Jiménez (8). **SB:** Ruiz (20), Marsee (19). **SF:** Bazzana. **S:** Mack. **Runners left in scoring position:** Cleveland 1 (Rocchio); Miami 4 (Lopez 3, Mack). **RISP:** Cleveland 0 for 1; Miami 0 for 4.

Cleveland	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
Messick, W, 8-5	6.0	1	1	1	4	1	91	2.73
Sabrowski, H, 20	0.1	1	1	1	1	0	14	3.62
Holderman, H, 8	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	13	1.83
Gaddis, H, 17	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	15	2.73
Smith, S, 28-31	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2.70

Miami	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
Alcantara, L, 10-5	7.0	5	3	3	0	8	99	3.99
Gusto	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	23	5.13

T: 2:24. **A:** 15,605 (37,446).

Rays 7, Mariners 2

Seattle	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**BB**	**SO**	**Avg**
Crawford ss	4	1	2	0	0	0	.214
Arozarena lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.286
Canzone dh	4	0	0	1	0	0	.265
Raleigh c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.165
Naylor 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.251
Raley cf-rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.232
Young 2b	3	1	1	1	0	1	.253
Mastrobuoni rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Robles ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.217
Kennedy 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	**31**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**1**	**5**	

Tampa Bay	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**BB**	**SO**	**Avg**
Díaz dh	5	0	0	0	0	1	.321
Aranda 1b	5	1	3	0	0	0	.291
Caminero 3b	4	2	2	2	1	1	.280
Mullins cf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.205
Simpson lf	4	1	3	1	0	0	.283
Mesa rf	4	1	3	1	0	0	.221
Walls ss	3	0	0	1	0	2	.217
Palacios 2b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.245
Feduccia c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.233
Totals	**37**	**7**	**14**	**7**	**1**	**6**	

Seattle	**000 011 000 —**	**2**	**5**	**0**
Tampa Bay	**001 120 30x —**	**7**	**14**	**0**

LOB: Seattle 3, Tampa Bay 8. **2B:** Crawford (8), Aranda (15), Caminero (13). **HR:** Young (11), off Martinez; Palacios (3), off Castillo; Mullins (11), off Castillo; Mesa (5), off Castillo; Caminero (28), off Ferrer. **RBIs:** Young (43), Canzone (40), Simpson (17), Palacios (27), Mullins (30), Mesa (12), Caminero 2 (59), Walls (21). **SB:** Mesa (3), Naylor (18). **SF:** Walls. **Runners left in scoring position:** Seattle 2 (Raleigh, Robles); Tampa Bay 5 (Palacios, Walls 2, Mesa 2). **RISP:** Seattle 0 for 7; Tampa Bay 2 for 7.

Seattle	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
Castillo, L, 3-8	5.0	9	4	4	1	4	91	4.93
Bazardo	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	13	2.01
Ferrer	0.1	4	3	3	0	0	10	3.05
Davila	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	9	2.08
Wilcox	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	17	4.24

Tampa Bay	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
Martinez, W, 8-2	5.1	4	2	2	1	1	70	2.65
Sulser, H, 9	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	9	5.40
Cleavinger, H, 16	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	15	3.71
Kelly	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	2.45

T: 2:22. **A:** 15,568 (25,025).

Blue Jays 5, Padres 3

Toronto	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**BB**	**SO**	**Avg**
Clement ss-2b	5	1	2	0	0	0	.298
Guerrero 1b	3	2	1	1	1	1	.262
Okamoto 3b	3	1	1	3	1	2	.238
Springer dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.222
Kirk c	4	0	1	1	0	1	.188
Varsho cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.243
Urías 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.261
Giménez ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Straw rf-lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.236
Clase lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.273
Lukes ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.288
Totals	**35**	**5**	**9**	**5**	**2**	**5**	

San Diego	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**BB**	**SO**	**Avg**
Tatis 2b-rf	5	0	1	0	0	1	.282
Merrill cf	4	1	1	1	1	0	.218
Bogaerts ss	5	1	1	2	0	1	.225
Machado 3b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.196
Sheets lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.225
France 1b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.259
Andujar dh	2	0	0	0	1	0	.260
Cronenworth ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.178
Bowen rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.119
Rengifo ph-2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.203
Durán c	2	0	2	0	0	0	.154
Campusano ph-c	2	1	1	0	0	0	.318
Totals	**36**	**3**	**10**	**3**	**3**	**8**	

Toronto	**000 140 000 —**	**5**	**9**	**0**
San Diego	**200 000 001 —**	**3**	**10**	**0**

LOB: Toronto 5, San Diego 9. **2B:** Kirk (3), France (9). **HR:** Okamoto (22), off Brito; Bogaerts (9), off Bieber. **RBIs:** Kirk (8), Guerrero (38), Okamoto 3 (62), Bogaerts 2 (37), Merrill (38). **Runners left in scoring position:** Toronto 2 (Urías 2); San Diego 4 (Campusano, Bogaerts, Andujar, Tatis). **RISP:** Toronto 3 for 5; San Diego 1 for 7.

Toronto	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
Bieber	4.2	6	2	2	3	4	97	7.64
Fluharty, W, 4-0	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	5	4.54
Dallas, H, 1	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	14	1.93
Hoffman, H, 10	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	13	4.24
Rogers, H, 19	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1.69
Varland, S, 19-19	1.0	3	1	1	0	1	26	1.10

San Diego	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
Sears, L, 2-2	4.1	6	3	3	1	3	72	5.03
Brito	2.2	3	2	2	1	2	50	4.15
Peralta	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	15	2.23
Marinaccio	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5.00

T: 2:48. **A:** 41,886 (40,222).

This Date in Sports

1914 — Babe Ruth makes his major league pitching debut for the Boston Red Sox against Cleveland, getting the 4-3 victory over the Indians.

1950 — Red Schoendienst hits a home run in the 14th inning to give the NL a 4-3 victory in the All-Star game.

1967 — Tony Perez homers in the 15th inning off Catfish Hunter to give the National League a 2-1 win in the longest game in All-Star history.

1979 — Renaldo Nehemiah of the United States sets a Pan American Games record in the 110 hurdles with a time of 13.20 seconds.

1981 — Britain's Sebastian Coe breaks his own world record in the 1,000-meter run with a time of 2:12.18 in a meet in Oslo, Norway. Seven runners shatter the 3-minute, 51-second barrier in the mile led by Steve Ovett at 3:49.25. Steve Scott finishes third and sets an American record in 3:49.68.

1982 — FIFA World Cup Final, Santiago Bernabéu, Madrid, Spain: Italy beats West Germany, 3-1 in front of 90,000.

1985 — Nolan Ryan of the Houston Astros becomes the first pitcher in major league history to reach 4,000 strikeouts when he fans New York's Danny Heep in the sixth inning.

1992 — Treboh Joe, a 9-year-old gelding, makes harness racing history by losing his 162nd consecutive race. Treboh Joe finishes fourth to break the North American record of 161 straight losses held by Shiaway Moses.

1993 — Alain Prost gets his 50th Formula One victory by taking the British Grand Prix.

1995 — Maryland quarterback Scott Milanovich, the most prolific passer in school history, is suspended for eight games by the NCAA for gambling on college sports.

Transactions

Major League Baseball

American League

Athletics: Placed 3B Zack Gelof on the 10-day IL. Recalled 1B Joey Meneses from Las Vegas (PCL).

Chicago White Sox: Reinstated 1B Munetaka Murakami from the 10-day IL. Optioned 1B Jacob Gonzalez to Charlotte (IL).

Houston Astros: Sent RHP Kai-Wei Teng on a rehab assignment to FCL Astros. Reinstated SS Jeremy Peña from the 10-day IL. Designated SS Braden Shewmake for assignment.

Kansas City Royals: Reinstated 1B Vinnie Pasquantino from the 10-day IL. Recalled RHP Eli Morgan from Omaha (IL). Agreed to terms with RHP Vince Velasquez on a minor league contract. Ooptioned CF Kameron Misner and RHP Jose Cuas to Omaha.

Los Angeles Angels: Reinstated RHP Grayson Rodriguez from the 15-day IL. Optioned LHP Tayler Saucedo to Salt Lake (PCL).

Minnesota Twins: Optioned LF Kyler Fedko to St. Paul (IL). Acquired RHP Tommy Nance from Toronto in exchange for UTL Ryan Sprock and international bonus pool money.

Tampa Bay Rays: Sent RHP Steven Wilson on a rehab assignment to FCL Rays.

Toronto Blue Jays: Reinstated HP Braydon Fisher from the bereavement list.

National League

Arizona Diamondbacks: Recalled OF Ryan Waldschmidt to Reno (PCL). Designated INF Pavin Smith for assignment.

Atlanta Braves: Reinstated RHP Tyler Kinley from the paternity list. Optioned RHP Hurston Waldrep to Gwinnett (IL).

Cincinnati Reds: Reinstated 3B Ke*Bryan Hayes from the 10-day IL. Placed 2B Matt McLain on the 10-day IL retroactive to July 8.

Milwaukee Brewers: Agreed to terms with RHP Bryse Wilson. Designated RHP Easton McGee for assignment. Optioned LHP Drew Rom to Nashville (IL). Sent LHP Rob Zastryzny on a rehab assignment to Nashville.

New York Mets: Placed 1B Mark Vientos on the 10-day IL. Designated RHP Dan Hammer for assignment. Selected the contract of SS Zack Short from Syracuse (IL). Recalled RHP Tobias Myers from Syracuse.

Pittsburgh Pirates: Optioned RHPs Hunter Stratton and Cam Sanders to Indianapolis (IL). Recalled RHPs RHP Antwone Kelly and Thomas Harrington from Indianapolis.

Washington Nationals: Transferred RHP Jake Irvin to the 60-day IL. Selected the contract of LHP Tom Cosgrove from Rochester (IL).

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

Brooklyn Nets: Acquired F Julius Randle from Minnesota. Waived G Malachi Smith. Signed F Joshua Jefferson to a rookie scale contract.

Charlotte Hornets: Acquired F Mouhamadou Gueye from Chicago.

Chicago Bulls: Acquired C Nic Claxton from Brooklyn.

Dallas Mavericks: Signed F Tarik Biberovic to a contract.

Denver Nuggets: Signed F Trevon Brazile to a contract.

Houston Rockets: Signed G Marcus Smart to a contract.

Minnesota Timberwolves: Acquired Gs LaMelo Ball and Josh Green from Charlotte in exchange for F Naz Reid and draft considerations. Re-signed Gs Jaylen Clark and Ayo Dosunmo to a contract.

New York Knicks: Re-signed G Jordan Clarkson to a contract.

Portand Trail Blazers: Claimed C Micah Potter off waivers.

Utah Jazz: Signed C Jaxson Hayes and G Josh Okogie to contracts. Signed C Mo Bamba to a contract.

Women*s National Basketball Association

Minnesota Lynx: Signed F Liatu King to a player development contract. Signed G Eli*ka Hamzová to a seven-day contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

Chicago Bears: Signed TE Sam Roush to a rookie contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

Minnesota Wild: Signed F Caedan Bankier and Ds Carson Lambos and David Spacek to one-year, two-way contracts.

Montreal Canadiens: Signed D Bogdan Konyushkov to a two-year contract.

Ottawa Senators: Signed F Tyler Boucher to a one-year, two-way contract.

Seattle Kraken: Signed G Victor Ostman to a one-year contract.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

Fc Dallas: Signed F Logan Farrington to a contract extension through the 2027-28 season, with club options for the 2028-29 and 2029-30 seasons.

Orlando City Sc: Acquired $600,000 in 2026 General Allocation Money (GAM), $400,000 in 2027 GAM and $250,000 in 2027-28 GAM from Houston Dynamo FC in exchange for F Duncan McGuire.

COLLEGE

Michigan: Hired Mike Boynton Jr. as men's basketball head coach.

Wimbledon

At All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club; London; Purse: €30,060,000; Surface: Grass; (seedings in parentheses):

Men's Singles - Semifinals

Alexander Zverev (2), Germany, def. Arthur Fery, Britain, 7-6 (0), 6-2, 6-4.

Jannik Sinner (1), Italy, def. Novak Djokovic (7), Serbia, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Women's Doubles - Semifinals

Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Luisa Stefani (2), Brazil, def. Shuko Aoyama, Japan, and En-Shuo Liang (13), Taiwan, 7-5, 6-3.

Kristina Mladenovic, France, and Hanyu Guo (10), China, def. Xu Yifan and Xinyu Jiang, China, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

NBA Summer League Schedule

Friday
Nets 91, **Knicks** 65
Miami 119, Milwaukee 86
Indiana 99, Cleveland 93
Houston 97, Denver 86
Memphis 97, Chicago 96
Boston 83, Toronto 80
L.A. Lakers 96, Oklahoma City 84
Phoenix 81, Portland 79
Saturday
Knicks vs. San Antonio, 6pm
Nets vs. Atlanta, 8pm
Miami vs. Orlando, 3:30pm
New Orleans vs. Charlotte, 4pm
Indiana vs. Philadelphia, 5:30pm
Denver vs. Minnesota, 7:30pm
Houston vs. Toronto, 9:30pm
L.A. Lakers vs. Dallas, 10pm

Friday's Crossword Answers

S	O	F	I	■	■	L	U	M	E	N
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B	L	A	S	■	D	E	S	E	R	T
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G	E	E	K	S	■	■	N	I	P	S

Today's Sports on the Air

MLB BASEBALL

1 p.m.	2026 MLB Draft: 1st Round	NBC
2:30 p.m.	2026 MLB Draft: 1st Round	MLBN
4 p.m.	Red Sox at Mets	SNY, FS1, 880 AM
4:10 p.m.	Yankees at Nationals	YES, 660 AM, 101.9 FM
7 p.m.	Braves at Cardinals	MLBN
10 p.m.	Diamondbacks at Dodgers	MLBN

MEN'S SOCCER: FIFA WORLD CUP

5 p.m.	Quarterfinal: Norway vs. England	Fox, Telemundo
9 p.m.	Quarterfinal: Argentina vs. Switzerland	Fox, Telemundo

NBA BASKETBALL: SUMMER LEAGUE

3:30 p.m.	Heat vs. Magic	Prime Video
4 p.m.	Pelicans vs. Hornets	ESPN
5:30 p.m.	Pacers vs. 76ers	Prime Video
6 p.m.	Knicks vs. Spurs	MSG, ESPN
7:30 p.m.	Nuggets vs. Timberwolves	Prime Video
8 p.m.	Hawks vs. Nets	Gotham App, ESPN
9:30 p.m.	Rockets vs. Raptors	Prime Video
10 p.m.	Lakers vs. Mavericks	ESPN

WNBA BASKETBALL

1 p.m.	Liberty at Lynx	ABC
4 p.m.	Fire at Dream	CBS
6 p.m.	Mercury at Sparks	NBCSN, Peacock

TENNIS

8 a.m.	ATP Wimbledon, Doubles Championship	ESPN
11 a.m.	WTA Wimbledon, Singles' Championship	ESPN
11 a.m.	ATP/WTA Newport Challenger Semifinals	Tennis

NWSL WOMEN'S SOCCER

6:30 p.m.	Washington Spirit at North Carolina Courage	ION
8:45 p.m.	Angel City FC at San Diego Wave	ION

GOLF

10 a.m.	DP World/PGA Tour: Genesis Scottish Open, 3rd Round	Golf
Noon	DP World/PGA Tour: Genesis Scottish Open, 3rd Round	CBS
Noon	PGA Tour Champions: Kaulig Companies Championship, 3rd Rd.	Golf
2:30 p.m.	2026 American Century Championship: First Round	NBC
4 p.m.	DP World/PGA Tour: ISCO Championship, 3rd Round	Golf
4 a.m. (Sun.)	LPGA Tour: The Amundi Evian Championship, Final Round	Golf

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

9 p.m.	UFC 329: McGregor vs. Holloway; Saint-Denis vs. Pimblett	Paramount+

CFL FOOTBALL

7 p.m.	Calgary Stampeders at Montreal Alouettes	CBSSN

MEN'S SOCCER

9 p.m.	USL Cup Group Stage: Chattanooga at San Antonio	ESPN2

AUTO RACING

8:55 a.m.	FIM MotoGP: Germany Grand Prix - Sprint Race	FS1
9 a.m.	NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series: LiUNA 150, Practice	FS2
10 a.m.	Pro Motocross Championship: Southwick National - Round 23	NBCSN
10:05 a.m.	NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series: LiUNA 150, Qualifying	FS1
Noon	Pro Motocross Championship: Southwick National – Round 23	NBCSN
1 p.m.	NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series: LiUNA 150	FS1
4:30 p.m.	NASCAR Cup Series: Quaker State 400 Available at Walmart, In-Season Challenge - Round 3	truTV
7 p.m.	NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series: Focused Health 250	PIX11

SOFTBALL

2 p.m.	Athletes Unlimited: Blaze at Volts	ESPN
5 p.m.	Athletes Unlimited: Bandits at Cascade	CBSSN
8 p.m.	Athletes Unlimited: Blaze at Volts	MSG

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL: GIRLS

Noon	Run 4 Roses Classic	ESPN2
2 p.m.	Run 4 Roses Classic	ESPN2

HORSE RACING

12:30 p.m.	Saratoga Live	FS2
8 p.m.	America's Day at the Races	FS1

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

4:30 p.m.	AVP: League Week 5	PIX11

CYCLING

6:30 a.m.	UCI: Tour de France, Stage 8	NBCSN
8 a.m.	UCI: Tour de France	NBC

RUGBY

9:55 p.m.	NRL Women: New Zealand at Canberra	FS2
11:45 p.m.	NRL Women: Parramatta at St. George	FS2
4:10 a.m.(Sun.)	NRL Men: Gold Coast at Melbourne	FS2

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL (MEN'S)

6 a.m.	Gold Coast at Adelaide	FS2
1 a.m.(Sun.)	Richmond at Melbourne	FS2

X GAMES

7 p.m.	MoonPay X Games Chiba 2026: Day 2	ESPN

The POST Line

MLB

Saturday

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
Yankees	$161-200	NATIONALS
METS	OFF	Red Sox
Athletics	-105-117	WHITE SOX
Mariners	-108-114	RAYS
ORIOLES	$128-157	Royals
RANGERS	$105-128	Astros
GIANTS	OFF	Rockies
PIRATES-Gm. 1	OFF	Brewers
PIRATES-Gm. 2	OFF	Brewers
Cubs	-102-120	REDS
Braves	-102-120	CARDINALS
DODGERS	$224-283	Diamondbacks
MARLINS	$124-152	Guardians
TWINS	$124-152	Angels
Phillies	$115-139	TIGERS
Blue Jays	$100-123	PADRES

Home team in CAPS

WNBA

Saturday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
LYNX	5.5 (175.5)	**Liberty**
DREAM	11.5 (172.5)	Fire
ACES	10.5 (172.5)	Mercury

FIFA World Cup

Saturday- Quarterfinals

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
*England	$165-210	Norway
**Argentina	$230-300	Switzerland

*Miami, **Kansas City, Mo.

Tuesday- Semifinal

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
France	$115-145	Spain

game held in Arlington, Tx.

NBA Summer League

Saturday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Spurs	2.5 (175.5)	**Knicks**
Nets	1.5 (182.5)	Hawks
Magic	3.5 (176.5)	Heat
Hornets	6.5 (182.5)	Pelicans
76ers	2.5 (180.5)	Pacers
Timberwolves	3.5 (182.5)	Nuggets
Raptors	3.5 (178.5)	Rockets
Mavericks	2.5 (178.5)	Lakers

all games held in Las Vegas

CFL

Saturday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
ALOUETTES	3.5 (62.5)	Stampeders

SPORTS SHORTS

NBA: Wemby extends Spurs deal

Victor Wembanyama is getting paid — but is helping out his team in a big way. The Spurs superstar has signed a maximum rookie extension for $252 million over five years, ESPN's **Shams Charania** reported Friday.

Nevertheless, he took the extension at 25 percent of the salary cap instead of 30 percent escalators, which could help San Antonio build around him.

MLB: Rays defeat Mariners

Junior Caminero hit his 28th homer, one of four long balls for Tampa Bay, and All-Star **Nick Martinez** pitched effectively into the sixth inning as the Rays beat the Mariners 7-2 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

● In Detroit, **James Outman** hit a two-run triple during a five-run sixth inning and the Tigers won their sixth straight game, 10-2 over the Phillies.

● In Miami, **Parker Messick** gave up one hit and one run in six strong innings, and the Guardians beat the Marlins 3-2.

● In Cincinnati, **Hunter Greene** struck out 12 and allowed three hits in seven dominant innings and the Reds beat the Cubs 4-0.

● In Chicago, **Tristan Peters** had his first career cycle and the White Sox had an eight-run seventh inning to dismantle the Athletics 14-1.

● Veteran Phillies slugger **Kyle Schwarber** is the latest participant announced for the Home Run Derby in Philadelphia on Monday night.

● The Cardinals and rookie second baseman **JJ Wetherholt** have agreed to an eight-year, $112.5 million contract.

● Two-time Cy Young Award winner **Jacob deGrom** will miss his next scheduled start for the Rangers with what manager **Skip Schumaker** said Friday is a glute and hip strain.

GOLF: McIlroy tied atop Scottish Open

Rory McIlroy took advantage of the scoring holes in windy conditions and posted a 4-under 66 for a three-way share of the lead in a Scottish Open in North Berwick that no longer has **Scottie Scheffler**.

Scheffler struggled from the start and wound up with a 72 to miss the 36-hole cut for the first time in nearly four years.

Jordan Smith of England had the low score of the tournament with a 63 and was the first to post at 9-under 131, joined by the resurgent **Tom Kim** (66) and McIlroy.

● In Evian-Les-Bains, France, top-ranked **Nelly Korda**'s bid for a third straight major and fifth overall ended early when she missed the cut after the second round of the Evian Championship. **Lottie Woad** carded a 7-under 64 to take a one-stroke lead from overnight leader **Aki Iwai.**

● In South Lake Tahoe, Nev., former NHL player **Joe Pavelski** took a two-point lead in the first round of the American Century Championship at Edgewood Tahoe.

NCAA: Michigan appoints Boynton

Michigan removed the interim title from M**ike Boynton Jr.** and named him the full-time head basketball coach to replace the departed **Dusty May**. The Brooklyn native served as an assistant over the last two seasons and previously was the head coach at Oklahoma State.

TOP PLAY

Get ready to say a hearty thank you very Much(ova)!

By MICHAEL LEBOFF

The odds hardly could be tighter for the women's final at Wimbledon on Saturday.

No. 10 seed Karolina Muchova is a nominal -125 favorite over fellow Czech Linda Noskova. No matter who wins, it will be the third time in four years a native of Czechia will capture the women's title.

Neither Muchova, 29, nor Noskova, 21, has ever won a Grand Slam title, but the former has a decided edge in experience. This is Muchova's second appearance in a major final, after her fifth trip to the semifinals.

Noskova had been to one Grand Slam quarterfinal before her current run.

That experience should prove vital for Muchova, as the rest of the tale of the tape feels like a wash.

Not only have both Noskova and Muchova faced similarly daunting paths to the final, but they each checked into Wimbledon in similarly terrific form, with each finalist winning a grass-court title in the lead-up to the fortnight at the All England Club.

With so little separating these two countrywomen on the court, we'll lean on the intangibles to prove the difference.

Muchova may not have a Grand Slam title in her account just yet, but she's got meaningful experience in these moments. Noskova has none.

THE PLAY: Muchova moneyline (-125, DraftKings).

Pitching Form

		(Game time)	2026		*REC	'25 vs OPP		CAREER	LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA		W-L	ERA	vs OPP	W-L	IP	ERA
Yankees	Schlittler (R)		9-5	2.01	13-6	—	—	1-0	1-2	17.0	3.71
Nationals	Mikolas (R)	(4:05pm)	3-7	5.78	4-4	0-0	5.40	1-0	1-1	16.1	7.71
Red Sox	TBD		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mets	Peralta (R)	(4:10pm)	5-7	4.68	9-10	0-0	5.40	0-1	0-1	14.1	3.77
Guardians	Bibee (R)		2-9	4.06	5-14	1-0	3.18	1-0	0-1	17.0	4.24
Marlins	Pérez (R)	(4:10pm)	5-6	3.84	8-7	1-0	7.20	1-0	2-0	17.0	1.06
Phillies	Sánchez (L)		10-4	2.62	13-6	1-0	0.00	1-0	1-1	15.1	8.22
Tigers	Mize (R)	(6:10pm)	4-5	2.64	5-8	0-0	0.00	0-1	2-1	19.1	2.79
Blue Jays	Yesavage (R)		4-4	3.31	6-7	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	18.1	1.96
Padres	Buehler (R)	(8:40pm)	5-5	5.07	11-7	0-1	4.35	0-1	1-2	14.1	10.67
Athletics	Jump (L)		3-3	3.77	4-4	—	—	0-0	0-2	12.2	7.11
White Sox	Fedde (R)	(2:10pm)	4-6	4.34	5-4	0-0	5.79	0-1	2-0	13.0	4.85
Angels	Johnson (R)		1-4	6.99	1-4	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-2	15.0	1.80
Twins	Ryan (R)	(2:10pm)	6-5	2.85	10-9	1-0	0.00	2-0	1-2	17.0	2.12
Mariners	Gilbert (R)		7-5	3.19	11-7	0-0	0.00	1-1	2-1	20.2	2.18
Rays	Jax (R)	(4:10pm)	4-6	3.60	7-6	0-1	36.00	2-2	2-1	16.0	3.38
Astros	Lambert (R)		7-5	3.26	8-6	0-1	7.50	0-1	1-1	16.0	3.38
Rangers	Rocker (R)	(7:05pm)	2-7	3.95	6-9	0-1	7.20	0-1	0-2	13.2	5.93
Royals	Cameron (L)		5-6	4.77	5-12	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-2	13.2	7.90
Orioles	Bradish (R)	(7:05pm)	5-9	3.76	8-10	0-0	1.69	0-0	1-2	19.2	2.75
Rockies	Freeland (L)		2-7	7.46	6-10	0-0	0.00	8-9	1-0	16.0	7.88
Giants	Mahle (R)	(4:05pm)	1-8	5.70	4-10	0-0	6.23	2-1	0-1	14.1	4.40
Brewers	TBD	Game 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pirates	TBD	(12:05pm)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brewers	Drohan (L)	Game 2	4-2	2.97	5-3	0-0	2.25	0-0	1-0	16.0	1.69
Pirates	Chandler (R)	(4:05pm)	3-8	4.82	6-11	0-0	0.00	0-1	1-1	15.2	5.74
Cubs	Assad (R)		6-1	4.15	6-1	0-0	0.00	0-2	2-0	15.1	2.93
Reds	Lodolo (L)	(7:10pm)	3-2	4.68	3-8	0-0	0.00	2-2	1-0	15.0	0.60
Braves	López (R)		4-1	3.18	6-2	1-0	1.80	2-0	1-0	13.0	2.08
Cardinals	Liberatore (L)	(7:15pm)	4-6	5.34	11-7	1-0	1.80	2-1	1-2	15.1	5.87
D'backs	Pfaadt (R)		2-1	4.84	4-1	0-0	18.00	4-2	2-1	16.1	2.20
Dodgers	Yamamoto (R)	(9:10pm)	9-5	2.49	11-5	1-0	3.00	4-1	2-1	19.0	2.37

*** REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

Cashing in on Logan's run

Seattle's Logan Gilbert one-hit the Blue Jays over $7\frac{1}{3}$ innings for us five days ago. Gilbert has lost just once in his last eight starts and has given up seven runs in his last $33\frac{2}{3}$ innings. The Mariners visit the American League-best Rays. Griffin Jax lost to the Yankees and has allowed six runs over his last 11 innings.

We will play $50 on Gilbert and the Mariners.

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Ohhh, tartar sauce! The Fish were baseball's hottest team. They went cold. They had won six in a row but Sandy Alcantara, who had won seven games in a row, gave up three runs including a Chase DeLauter two-run blast. Miami hit a pair of solo homers but fell short. Guards 3, Marlins 2. Ohhh, tartar sauce! Down -45 mikelowells.

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Home Team Lineups

HOME AWAY

	TODAY July 11	SUN July 12	MON July 13	TUE July 14	WED July 15
	Washington 4:05 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Washington 1:35 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	NO GAME	All-Star Game 8:00 Fox 880 AM	NO GAME
	Boston 4:10 SNY FS1 880 AM	Boston 1:40 PIX11 880 AM	NO GAME	All-Star Game 8:00 Fox 880 AM	NO GAME
	Minnesota 1:00 ABC	Toronto 3:00 Fox 5	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME

Wednesday, July 22		Wednesday, July 22		Wednesday	
	FIFA World Cup Break until July 22		FIFA World Cup Break until July 22		Washington Spirit 8:00 ESPN

MMA

Getty Images
Conor McGregor
Max Holloway

UFC 329: McGregor vs. Holloway 2

MONEYLINE	ODDS
Conor McGregor	+205
vs. Max Holloway	-250

METHOD OF VICTORY	ODDS
McGregor KO/TKO/DQ	+250
McGregor submission	25/1
McGregor decision	12/1
Holloway KO/TKO/DQ	-125
Holloway submission	11/1
Holloway decision	+550

TO GO THE DISTANCE	ODDS
Yes	+350
No	-550

TOTAL ROUNDS	ODDS
Over 2.5	-110
Under 2.5	-120

WINNING ROUND	ODDS
Round 1	+300
Round 2	+330
Round 3	+380
Round 4	+550
Round 5	+800

NAME	ODDS
Paddy Pimblett	+120
vs. Benoit Saint Denis	-142
Cory Sandhagen	-135
vs. Mario Bautista	+114
Brandon Royval	+180
vs. Lone'er Kavanagh	-218
King Green	-105
vs. Terrance McKinney	-115
Robert Whittaker	-125
vs. Nikita Krylov	+105
Gable Steveson	-1450
vs. Elisha Ellison	+850
Cody Garbrandt	+330
vs. Adrian Yanez	-425
Luke Riley	-230
vs. Kai Kamaka III	+190
Tracy Cortez	-102
vs. Wang Cong	-118
Damian Pinas	-258
vs. Cesar Almeida	+210
Farid Basharat	-675
vs. John Garza	+490

ODDS & ENDS

WORLD CUP
Saturday
Quarterfinals
Norway vs. England

3-WAY BETTING (90 minutes plus stoppage time)	ODDS
Norway (FanDuel)	+310
Draw (BetMGM)	+250
England (BetMGM)	-110

TOTAL GOALS (including extra time)	ODDS
Over 2.5	-188
Under 2.5	+152

ANYTIME GOAL (including extra time)	ODDS
Harry Kane (ENG)	-120
Erling Haaland (NOR)	+110
Jude Bellingham (ENG)	+220
Marcus Rashford (ENG)	+240
Anthony Gordon (ENG)	+260
Noni Madueke (ENG)	+280
Bukayo Saka (ENG)	+280
Alexander Sørloth (NOR)	+330

BOTH TEAMS SCORE (including extra time)	ODDS
Yes	-174
No	+136

Argentina vs. Switzerland

3-WAY BETTING (90 minutes plus stoppage time)	ODDS
Argentina (BetMGM)	-145
Draw (BetMGM)	+240
Switzerland (BetMGM)	+450

TOTAL GOALS (including extra time)	ODDS
Over 2.5	-102
Under 2.5	-120

ANYTIME GOAL (including extra time)	ODDS
Lionel Messi (ARG)	-115
Lautaro Martínez (ARG)	+145
Julián Alvarez (ARG)	+150
Breel Embolo (SUI)	+300
Enzo Fernández (ARG)	+400
Leandro Paredes (ARG)	+500
Alexis Mac Allister (ARG)	+550
Johan Manzambi (SUI)	+550

BOTH TEAMS SCORE (including extra time)	ODDS
Yes	+102
No	-130

WIMBLEDON
Saturday
Women's final
Muchova vs. Noskova

WINNER	ODDS
Karolina Muchova	-125
Linda Noskova	+104

SET BETTING	ODDS
Muchova 2-0	+195
Noskova 2-0	+230
Muchova 2-1	+300
Noskova 2-1	+340

SET 1 WINNER	ODDS
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Noskova	-104

SET 2 WINNER	ODDS
Muchova	-120
Noskova	-102

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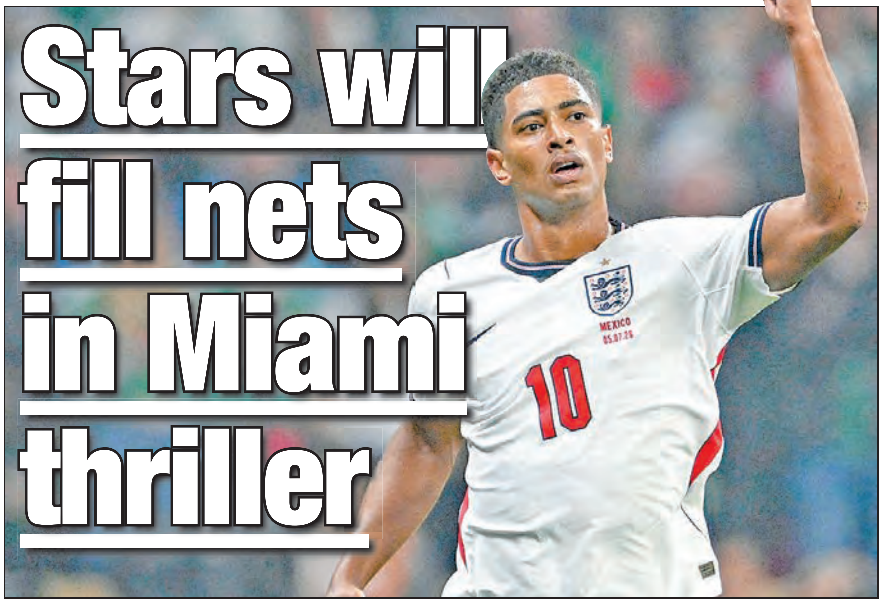

Stars will fill nets in Miami thriller

HEY JUDE! While Erling Haaland and Harry Kane are among the contenders for the Golden Boot, England's Jude Bellingham (above) has proven to be a big scoring threat as well. For Sean Treppedi, it all adds up to Over 2.5 goals Saturday night.

By SEAN TREPPEDI

Saturday evening's weather forecast in Miami is partly cloudy, but the stars will be shining bright.

England and Norway's World Cup quarterfinal clash has no shortage of top-tier striker talents seeking the scoresheet. Norway's Erling Haaland has potted seven goals for the tournament's third-highest total, trailing only Kylian Mbappe and Lionel Messi in Golden Boot odds at +700 via DraftKings Sportsbook.

He's scored in all five games and tallied a brace in Norway's 2-1 triumph over Brazil to propel the Vikings to their first-ever quarterfinal.

Right behind him is England's Harry Kane, who owns six goals and is priced at +800. Kane has been captain clutch for the Three Lions, rescuing England with a late brace against Congo before burying the game-winning strike against Mexico on its home turf.

Both players carry modest prices on the anytime goal scorer market into this game with Kane juiced to -120 and Haaland at +110. Those are implied probabilities of 55 percent and 49 percent, respectively.

The volatility at play here steers me away from either side on the three-way moneyline. BetMGM is offering England for -110 while FanDuel is quoting Norway at +310.

The Norwegians' highly aggressive counter-attacking system is designed to maximize Haaland's output. At the same time, the defense pays for it. Norway has yet to keep a clean sheet in this tournament and is conceding 1.64 expected goals per game, which is the highest mark of all eight remaining teams. Overall, it ranks near the bottom of all 48 teams with 8.1.

England has all the tools to punish this system — namely Jude Bellingham. He doesn't operate like a traditional No. 10 who stays high between the lines. Instead, he drops deep, so when England wins the ball and explodes forward, defenders are occupied with Kane while he attacks the space left behind. Those late arrivals are notoriously difficult to defend — especially for teams who commit numbers forward — and Bellingham's two goals have both come off this maneuver.

The Norwegians were outshot 14-9 by Brazil because they relied heavily on goalkeeper Ørjan Nyland to bail them out. England's quick transitions will give him another hefty workload, as the Three Lions trail only France in big chances created.

But this English bunch is all too familiar for Haaland and Martin Ødegaard. Between the two of them, they share 12 total teammates on England's roster between their respective Premier League clubs. Bellingham and Haaland's bromance dates back to their time together coming up on Borussia Dortmund, so the friendly competition always adds an extra edge.

Ødegaard orchestrates the offense by supplying the through balls and line-breaking passes that allow Haaland to thrive in transition. There's nothing the English can show Haaland he hasn't already seen; he's scored 27 goals in 35 Premier League games amongst his fellow blokes.

The English have reshuffled their back four in six straight games and now face another defensive headache with Jarell Quansah's two-match ban. Not to mention, they are dealing with health uncertainty between both Declan Rice and Marc Guéhi in addition to the losses of Jordan Henderson and Reece James.

I'm targeting the Over of 2.5 goals in regulation at a digestible price of -135 at DraftKings and don't be surprised if either side's star striker bags another.

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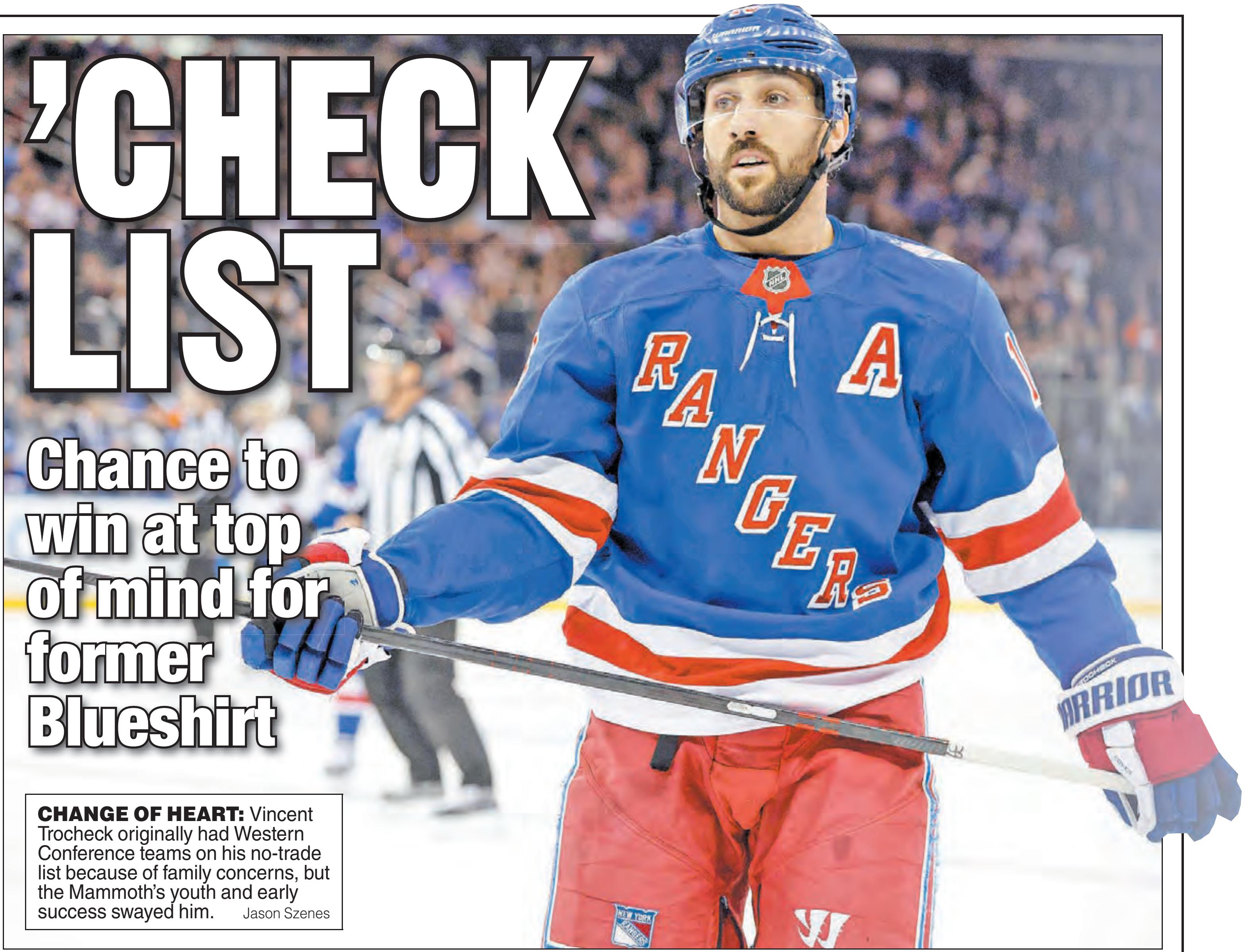
Chance to win at top of mind for former Blueshirt

By ANDREW CRANE



CHANGE OF HEART: Vincent Trocheck originally had Western Conference teams on his no-trade list because of family concerns, but the Mammoth’s youth and early success swayed him. Jason Szenes

The deal that sent Vincent Trocheck to the Mammoth wouldn’t have been possible last year.

Trocheck, at that point, reportedly still had Utah on his no-trade list. But that changed by the time the Rangers sent their center to the Mammoth last week, bringing back a top-four defenseman in Sean Durzi and pieces for the future — top forward prospect Cole Beaudoin and a third-round pick in 2027 — as their retool in the present continues to take shape. Trocheck’s 12-team no-trade list last year shifted to a 10-team list for this upcoming season, according to Spotrac. And when Trocheck became open to a Utah trade, a window opened for the Rangers to ship a piece engulfed by trade rumors since before the deadline to a team he felt had plenty of potential.

“It was just going to a team that I think can win was the most important thing for me,” Trocheck said Friday when asked about the no-trade clause change as he addressed reporters in Utah for the first time. “Been in the league a long time, and I haven’t won anything, you know, so that’s what’s most important to me.”

Trocheck came close with the Rangers. He made it to the Eastern Conference final in 2024 while delivering a career season, collecting 25 goals and 77 points en route to making his second All-Star Game. He blossomed when skating alongside Artemi Panarin and became a critical piece of the Blueshirts’ power play, too.

But then Trocheck went through the Rangers’ struggles, missing the playoffs the last two years and landing on long-term injured reserve with an upper-body injury early in the 2025-26 campaign. As the deadline approached and president and general manager Chris Drury dropped The Letter 2.0, Trocheck — given his value and what he could bring back in a return package — became a likely option to get moved. He even discussed that reality, and how it impacted the rest of his family, leading up to the deadline, sitting out a game due to roster management and bracing for the call that could end his Blueshirts stint.

“Yeah, it’s not a secret,” Trocheck said of West Coast teams in early March. “They are on my no-trade clause. Family is important to me and my family is on the East Coast.”

Then the Mammoth — and their emerging core — did enough to change his mind. In their second season as an expansion franchise, they cracked the postseason tournament before falling in the first round. Clayton Keller, who won a gold medal alongside Trocheck at the Winter Olympics in Milan, erupted for a team-best 88 points. Logan Cooley, whom Trocheck, a former Penguins player, has known since the Pittsburgh native was 12 years old, produced 24 goals. Trocheck and Cooley, who skate together in the summer, would “always just kind of fantasize a little bit about what it would be like to play together.”

“Obviously a lot of potential and been taking a lot of strides the last few years,” Trocheck said. “Very good, young team, and I think for me, one of the biggest things is just going to a team that has a chance to win.”

Cooley and Keller gave Trocheck two points of reference when vetting the organization, and when former Islanders captain Anders Lee signed a three-year deal with the Mammoth, Utah added two experienced veterans — at 32 and 36 years old, respectively — to complement up-and-coming players. Trocheck confirmed Friday that he would be open to skating on the wing, too.

It always seemed inevitable that Trocheck would get moved. The destination, for the longest time, just seemed a bit unlikely.

“Well, our goal has always been the same,” general manager Bill Armstrong said of Trocheck and Lee on Friday. “It’s to compete for and ultimately win a Stanley Cup, and I feel with these two players beside me, to my left, that we’re one step closer to doing that. I love where they fit in on our team.”

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Lee finding comfort level with unexpected change

By ANDREW CRANE

The sight — given everything that unfolded on Long Island the last 14 years — was jarring.

But there sat Anders Lee, now a former Islanders captain, donning a Mammoth jersey Friday at his introductory press conference in Utah. His No. 27 jersey had been flipped to No. 72. He spoke of the mountains and the new facility and the “whirlwind of a few weeks,” with his decision to sign with the Mammoth — on a three-year deal worth $5.4 million in average annual value — the most important touchpoint during that stretch.

“It’s a big change, there’s no doubt about it,” Lee said. “But the last few weeks, the last week-and-a-half here … every day I look at this jersey and the logo and start to like it even more and start to feel more comfortable with it.”

Lee’s decision to leave in free agency changed the complexion of the Islanders’ present. For the last decade-plus, Lee had been their constant. But Lee, who finished with 19 goals and 42 points last year, sought a term that differed from what general manager Mathieu Darche wanted, and one day before free agency began — even after the Islanders improved their offer, according to TSN at the time — Lee informed them that he planned to test the market.

“I’m actually happy for Anders that he got his term that he wanted and the money he wanted,” Darche said July 1.

That all created a scenario where Lee explained his game to reporters in Utah on Friday after getting asked what fans could expect, how the style of play that defined his era with the Islanders — creating “some havoc” for goaltenders, putting “something dirty in the net” — could also shape what’s next with the Mammoth. It all left the Islanders setting up a scenario with short-term contracts where more change could hit the roster once the summers of 2027 and 2028 arrive.

Vincent Trocheck, the former Rangers center traded to Utah the same day that Lee signed, sat to his right during the introductory press conference and described his new teammate as a “pain in the ass” to play against. And with the Mammoth, Lee, who made an Eastern Conference final with the Islanders in 2020, joins an emerging roster while attempting to reach the ultimate stage of a season for the first time.

“These guys, their window’s coming up,” Lee said, “and it’s open. That was a big part of the fit for me, wanting to come to a team that has an opportunity to win.”

Jets in on Arnold despite charges

By BRIAN COSTELLO

The Jets have at least a little interest in troubled cornerback Terrion Arnold.

Nicole Lynn, who is Arnold's agent, testified at a Florida court hearing Friday that the Jets were among four teams to contact her after the Lions cut Arnold on June 29.

The hearing was to determine whether Arnold would be required to wear a GPS monitor while he awaits trial on felony kidnapping and robbery charges. The motion was denied.

Arnold's lawyers argued that wearing the GPS monitor would prevent another team from signing Arnold.

Lynn testified that the Jets, Colts, Seahawks and Texans contacted her about Arnold within 24 hours of him being cut by the Lions.

She also said Arnold had a workout with the Texans on Thursday and there is another one scheduled with a team next week, though she did not specify which team.

"He actually had a workout with the team, an NFL team, just yesterday. So he was in their facility, they paid for him to fly in, he did a physical, which shows you how serious these teams are about him," Lynn testified. "With an ankle monitor, it would be extremely difficult and maybe even impossible for him to get a job."

A source described the Jets' interest as due diligence performed whenever a player is released by another team. But Arnold does have a connection with Jets coach Aaron Glenn, who was the Lions defensive coordinator when Detroit drafted Arnold in the first round of the 2024 draft.

Glenn coached Arnold as a rookie before leaving to become the Jets coach last year.

Arnold was arrested June 24 and charged with four counts of kidnapping and four counts of armed robbery. The arrests are in relation to an incident in February where prosecutors say Arnold was involved in a kidnapping and assault of three men, who prosecutors say Arnold believes robbed him of more than $250,000 worth of his belongings at his rental home in Largo, Fla.

The Lions cut him five days later.

Any team considering signing Arnold will have to feel OK about Arnold's involvement in the incident and also have confidence that the NFL is not going to put Arnold on the commissioner's exempt list and have him sit out until the case is resolved.

Lynn testified there is "a very good likelihood" that a team will sign Arnold within the next 45 days.

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No-Sho

Ohtani to miss All-Star Game with 'knee irritation'

KNEE DEEP: Shohei Ohtani's dominant two-way season hit a speed bump as left knee swelling has canceled his upcoming trip to the All-Star Game in Philadelphia.

AP

By JACK HARRIS

Shohei Ohtani will not make his scheduled pitching start Friday night and will not travel to next week's All-Star Game in Philadelphia because of what the Dodgers said was "continued irritation in his left knee," the same knee in which he dealt with inflammation last month.

The news came in a Friday afternoon announcement from the Dodgers, who said Ohtani will continue to serve as the club's designated hitter during this weekend's series against the Arizona Diamondbacks, but will then "have some interventions on his knee to put him in the best position for the second half of the season."

According to a source with knowledge of the situation who was not authorized to speak publicly, the "interventions" on Ohtani's knee will include having it drained and likely receiving a pain-relieving injection.

"Unfortunately, due to these events, he will not be able to travel to Philadelphia and participate in the 2026 All-Star Game," the team said.

For now, the initial expectation is that Ohtani will be able to return to two-way duties, including pitching, when the season resumes after the All-Star break.

Ohtani first dealt with his knee problem a month ago, following a June 10 pitching start against the Pittsburgh Pirates — when he felt like poor pitching mechanics had put added stress on his left landing leg.

The following day, he was removed early from the Dodgers' game as a DH because of swelling in his knee. He missed another game the next day, as well, before returning to the lineup and resuming his full-time two-way role since.

The Dodgers had downplayed the severity of Ohtani's knee issue since then, even though he had continued to receive treatment on the issue and was seen wearing a sleeve over his knee.

Two weeks ago, manager Dave Roberts said Ohtani's knee was still "not 100%, but it's certainly playable."

Indeed, Ohtani had continued to play almost daily over the last month, with two exceptions: a pitching start he had pushed back a couple days earlier this month, which the team described as simply workload management; and a game he missed as a hitter last week, after dealing with brief bicep discomfort.

Back in 2019, Ohtani had surgery on the same left knee to address a rare congenital condition called bipartite patella — when the bones of the kneecap don't fuse together at birth.

Nevertheless, Roberts has said he does not believe this year's knee problem was related to that previous issue.

Ohtani has been putting together another MVP-caliber performance overall this season.

He is batting .290 at the plate with 20 home runs, 56 RBIs and a .939 OPS that ranks sixth-best in the majors. He is 8-2 as a pitcher with a 1.79 ERA, second-best in the majors among pitchers with at least 80 innings.

Going back to that June 10 start in which he first dealt with his knee issue, though, he has given up at least three runs in four consecutive outings, sporting a 4.38 ERA over that time.

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LEAGUE OF HER OWN

Persistence paid off for WNBA's all-time winningest coach

MINNESOTA MAGICIAN: Cheryl Reeve, 59, can add to her WNBA-record 380 coaching victories if the Lynx beat the Liberty today. Reeve's also won four league championships and has Minnesota poised for another playoff berth. Imagn Images

By MADELINE KENNEY

MINNEAPOLIS — Cheryl Reeve waited a decade before getting a shot to be a WNBA head coach.

She had been a part of WNBA franchises that folded or relocated. Those difficult moments tested her conviction as she grinded as an assistant.

Her family reminded her she held two degrees. Others suggested she coach college ball.

But Reeve is stubborn as hell. She knew what she wanted.

"I'm a WNBA person," she vividly recalls telling those around her. "If this thing goes down, I'm going down with it. And I'm going to stick it out."

Look how that panned out.

Twenty-six years later, and in the WNBA's 30th season, Reeve is the all-time winningest head coach at a time when the league has never been more popular.

Reeve, 59, captured her 380th regular-season win with the Minnesota Lynx on Wednesday to unseat legendary coach Mike Thibault. She looks to potentially add to the record Saturday when the Lynx host the Liberty.

Saturday
LIBERTY AT LYNX
1 p.m.
ABC

Reeve's persistence coupled with her competitive fire and sustained success have made her one of the greatest coaches of this millennium.

Reeve is a four-time WNBA champion, vying for her fifth this season after many counted the Lynx out due to roster turnover and uncertainty heading into this campaign. Fresh off being inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame late last month, Reeve is a front-runner for Coach of the Year, an award she's won four times already.

In a profession where people are hired to be fired, Reeve is a rarity. She's a trademark of longevity, having spent the past 16-plus years with the Lynx.

The key to her staying power is her success. Making the playoffs is an expectation for the franchise under Reeve. As a result, Minnesota has gone to 14 of the past 15 postseasons and appeared in seven WNBA Finals during that span.

Reeve on Friday recalled her early career challenges of being overlooked for WNBA jobs in favor of NBA men thought to be more qualified than her despite never coaching in the WNBA.

When she got the chance to coach the Lynx ahead of the 2010 season, she said she wasn't worried about her contract length.

"I wanted the opportunity," she said. "I didn't care if it gave me one year. If I was good enough, I was good enough, and I still feel that way today. I'm not worried about my job and that's a real blessing for me."

As for the WNBA, Reeve said she is proud of how far the league has come.

"I was always really hopeful at that time that we could get here," she said. "We had to push, pull, drag, kick all the things, it doesn't matter. The fight's been worth it.

For years, Reeve tried to separate her identity from her job. She loved to coach, and she loved basketball, but it wasn't who Reeve saw herself as.

But who is she kidding now?

"It is my identity, and I can stand in that," Reeve said. "I do care deeply about being a wife, being a mom, but ultimately basketball, it is my identity, it is my life. There's no way around that, and I stand in that and there's nothing to be ashamed of in saying that."

And Reeve has no plans to stop any time. She has the same drive she had when she took the job 17 years ago. She's fueled by a desire to win a championship with her current group. That, "and greed," she said.

"I'm a pretty passionate person in general," she said. "When that passion doesn't hit the same way or it's not there when I don't care that we lost a possession, when I don't care that we didn't block out, or when I don't care that we ... whatever it is, that's when you'll know. But I can tell you, (my players) can tell you today, that the passion's still there."

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Libs won't have top perimeter defender

By MADELINE KENNEY

MINNEAPOLIS — The Liberty will be without a key starter for Saturday's matinee against the Minnesota Lynx.

New York won't have two-way wing Leonie Fiebich, who has been sidelined with a left foot injury, for the second consecutive game.

LEONIE FIEBICH
Won't play today.

That means the Liberty will play one of the league's top teams without their best perimeter defender.

Without the 6-foot-4 German, the burden shifts to the rest of the team to step up.

The Liberty also will miss her supplementary scoring.

Fiebich doesn't seem to be one who counts her shot attempts, but she makes them count. The Liberty have other bucket-getters on their star-studded team, including Breanna Stewart and Sabrina Ionescu.

Fiebich is shooting 45.1 percent from the field on a career-high 7.3 attempts. She's converting on 43.3 percent of her tries from deep and is averaging 10 points, 2.6 rebounds, 1.9 assists and 1.2 steals across her 14 starts.

Fiebich recorded 13 points, four assists, three rebounds and three steals in the Liberty's July 3 win against the Lynx. New York outscored Minnesota by 18 points when Fiebich was on the floor.

Fiebich went to the gym to shoot the next day but missed practice the following week for what coach Chris DeMarco deemed "general soreness." She hasn't played since.

DeMarco said Fiebich underwent further examination, including an MRI exam Tuesday. The team hasn't shared the results of her tests.

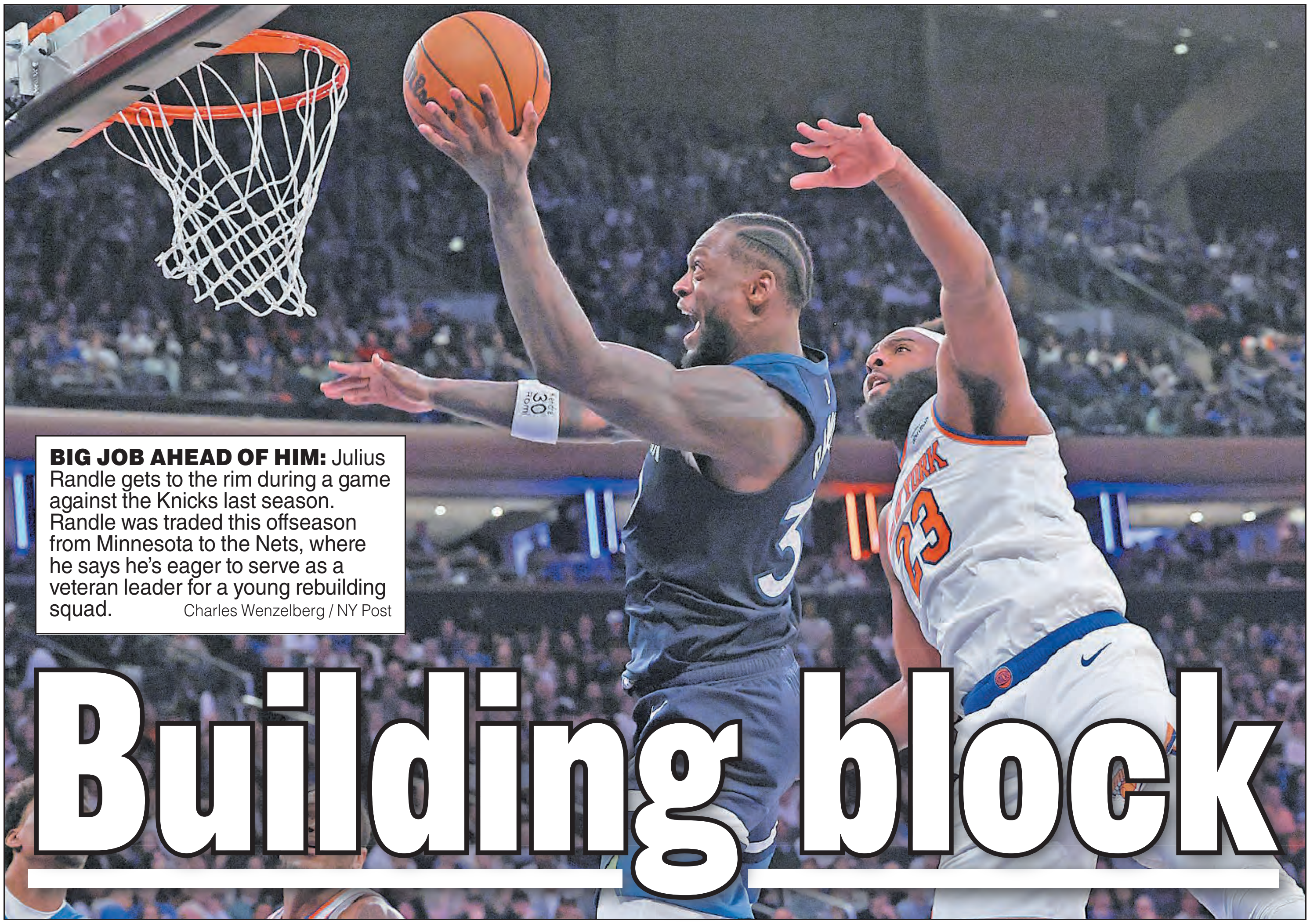
The Liberty can't seem to catch a break from the injury bug.

Injuries stained last year's attempt to defend their 2024 title.

This season, New York has played shorthanded more times than not yet again.

The Liberty have been without Satou Sabally for more than two weeks as she remains in concussion protocol after suffering her second head injury in eight months. She didn't make the trip to Minnesota. Pauline Astier (left ankle) and Rebecca Allen (nose) are listed as questionable against the Lynx.

Various injuries and absences have resulted in New York deploying 10 different starting lineups across 22 games this season.



BIG JOB AHEAD OF HIM: Julius Randle gets to the rim during a game against the Knicks last season. Randle was traded this offseason from Minnesota to the Nets, where he says he's eager to serve as a veteran leader for a young rebuilding squad. Charles Wenzelberg / NY Post

Building block

Randle welcomes leadership role with Nets

By BRIAN LEWIS

LAS VEGAS — Julius Randle sees the similarity between joining these rebuilding Nets and when he first helped guide the Knicks from the lottery to the playoffs.

But this time he says he's a better leader. And a better player. And better equipped to help this young team make that climb.

"There's definitely similarities for sure," said Randle, 31. "Each (situation) is different. It has its own different challenges. I'm definitely ready to step up to this one. This will be exciting. But it's definitely similar.

"And for me, I have a lot more experience now than I did when I was that player. So I feel like from a leadership standpoint, I can help a lot more, just being through it and having that experience."

The four-team trade that brought Randle — along with rookie Joshua Jefferson — became official on Friday. The four-time All-Star was dealt from a contending Minnesota squad to a Brooklyn bunch coming off two straight tanking seasons. Without control of their own pick, the Nets don't intend for a third. That's why they added a floor-raiser like Randle, who has a $35.8 million player option for next season.

"They're really excited to have me here. Jordi (Fernandez) is really excited. He feels like going into every game, we've got a chance to win every single game," Randle said. "To have that confidence from your coach is amazing. ... I get to come in and be a leader, show guys how to be a pro.

"We're coming in trying to win. It's as simple as that. However we can help give the younger guys experience and confidence and help them fast-track or whatever it is to contribute to winning basketball, that's really all that matters. All I care about, at the end of the day, is winning, and I know that's what those guys care about. If I can help give them that experience, great."

Randle had less experience when he first came to New York in 2019-20, joining a Knicks team that was coming off a sorry 17-65 season.

Two years later they were 41-31 and fourth in the East.

The bruising forward became one of the league's more reliable regular season scorers, before being the centerpiece in a trade that brought Karl-Anthony Towns.

Now, after Brooklyn suffered through consecutive lottery seasons to get rookie Mikel Brown Jr. and second-year guard Egor Dëmin, Randle can help them level up.

Whether he's a Net long-term or is flipped again, he will help them.

"He's experienced being around many different teams and playing in the different levels of the different stages of the season and playoffs," Dëmin said. "He brings an amazing knowledge. And he seems a great person."

Randle averaged 21.1 points, 6.7 boards and five assists last season for Minnesota.

For a Nets team focusing on playmakers and ball movement, Randle's passing should accentuate Brown and Demin's and play into that.

"I really enjoy getting guys going: pushing the pace, kick-aheads, opening the floor, getting to the paint, spraying the basketball," Randle said. "It's about us building our chemistry, knowing where guys like the ball, what spots they want the ball in, guys understanding me and what I'm looking for. It's going to be fun."

Randle's exit from Minnesota was anything but, a three-point 1-of-8 nightmare in their playoff ouster after he had struggled down the stretch. Many opined that he'd been distracted after his name surfaced in trade rumors for Giannis Antetokounmpo.

But when asked Friday, Randle took the high road.

"It feels great to be here. It's a great opportunity," Randle said. "It's a city I'm already really familiar with; it's a situation that I'm familiar with. Then, there's a lot of talent.

"As far as the trade stuff, man, I'm 13 years in, bro. I played in New York already; so you hear that stuff all the time. I'm used to that. It just is what it is. You ride the wave of it. At the end of the day, I'm playing basketball and I'm doing what I love for a living. So, it's all I ask for."

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1st-rounder Brown offers glimpse of 'savant'-like skills

By BRIAN LEWIS

LAS VEGAS — Mikel Brown Jr.'s Las Vegas Summer League debut featured a slow start, a strong finish and all kinds of spectacular plays in between Friday night.

The Nets' rookie lottery pick paired with second-year backcourt mate Egor Dëmin to lead Brooklyn's 91-65 rout of the Knicks at Thomas & Mack Center.

The guards shared team-high scoring honors with 20 points. But after Dëmin had carried the Nets early as Brown found his way into the game, the latter poured in 16 points after halftime, drawing "oohs" and "ahhs" with several highlights.

"Seeing my teammates, getting them open shots, seeing the ball go through the hoop obviously gets you going as well. But I know how much work I put in to get to this point," said Brown. "The 'oohs' and 'ahhs' are coming just because that's just how I play.

"Yeah, I mean, like I said, I'm a savant when it comes to this stuff, man. I love the game of basketball. I love when my teammates look successful. It brings me joy because that means it's not just me, but everybody got it going."

Brown shot 6-for-12, including 3-for-6 from 3-point range. He added three assists, two steals and a block.

"He's extremely talented overall," said Dëmin. "His shooting ability, his ability to create his own shot, and how shifty he is, he's gonna give a lot of trouble to the defenders just because of his feel for the game and his talent. Now the part of his game is to adapt to the physicality, which took me a while last year."

Brown insisted that won't take long. And he played feisty defense that helped spark Brooklyn's third-quarter blitz.

The Nets trailed by a point going into the second quarter and edged ahead 38-33 by halftime. But they blew the game open in the third.

Brooklyn blitzed the Knicks 30-9 in that period, holding them to 2-for-15 shooting. Brown's nine points, three assists and a steal in the fourth helped the Nets blow it open.

The sixth overall pick has made it a point to prove he can hold his own on the defensive end.

➤ Chaney Johnson had 11 points, nine boards and a 3-pointer, playing center at just 6-7.

➤ Rookie Joshua Jefferson hasn't been able to practice with the Nets, but did workouts to stay sharp. Now that the Julius Randle trade that brought Jefferson to Brooklyn has been made official, coach Dutch Gailey said he's hopeful the first-round pick can debut today against Atlanta.

CULTURE CLUB

Led by Brunson, Knicks set up well to try to build the NBA's next dynasty

SELFLESS: Jalen Brunson took a page from the books written by Steph Curry and Tim Duncan, putting the team first in building dominance. Brunson's lead could help the Knicks follow a similar path.

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LAS VEGAS — The lamest of buzz words in sports is "culture." It's muttered many times during introductory press conferences, usually from the coach or top executive, and is an easy sell to the fans because it's difficult to quantify.

Didn't win a lot of games? Don't worry, "culture" is being built.

Nobody good wants to sign with the team? Maybe, but look at all this "culture."

These young players stink? Woah, woah, you're clearly not seeing the elite levels of "culture" buy-in.

Steve Mills and Scott Perry loved to use that phrase as they piled up disappointments. Sean Marks, steering the ghost ship in Brooklyn, is the "Culture King."

Even the Miami Heat were exposed as "culture" hucksters when the Jimmy Butler experience turned sour.

The reality, as evidenced through the NBA's history, is "culture" cannot be spoken into existence. It requires two important components, both non-negotiable and both currently achieved by the Knicks:

Winning and a humble/stable superstar.

That's it.

Look at the last two last NBA dynasties. The Spurs had Tim Duncan, perhaps the lowest-maintenance megastar of the modern era who took a pay cut to keep the team's payroll manageable (sound familiar?). The Warriors had Steph Curry, whose shooting prowess is equal to his humility and professionalism.

These franchises represented the standard because of Duncan and Curry. When Duncan left, Gregg Popovich was just a below-average coach. When Curry is injured, Steve Kerr's record plummets.

Related — the Spurs and Warriors kept their cores together for over a decade because everything trickles down from the top player. So while it wasn't enough that Jalen Brunson signed his team-friendly extension in 2024 — when he left over $100 million on the table — it became the sacrifice to follow after the point guard carried the Knicks to their first championship in 53 years (he also won NBA Finals MVP while battling a tendon injury in his shooting wrist, which required surgery this week and added to the Brunson lore).

So now the Knicks are in the "culture" sweet spot. They have it.

Despite James Dolan's mandate to stay under the second apron, Leon Rose was able to retain every meaningful free agent outside of Mitchell Robinson.

And with each re-signing, there is evidence that a sacrifice was made to keep the championship squad together:

- Jordan Clarkson re-signed for the veteran minimum (one year, $3.9 million) despite a limited role on this roster.
- Jose Alvarado will be paid next season appropriate to his market value ($4.4 million) but only locked in two guaranteed years on his new contract.
- Landry Shamet not only re-signed for less than his value (four years, $24 million), but also only has two seasons fully guaranteed.
- Mohamed Diawara also only has two years guaranteed at just about $2.7 million per.

Counting Andre Drummond's minimum contract, Rose inked five bench players for a combined cap hit of just $17 million while staying under the second apron. They still have another signing left — likely a center, though the Knicks also could enter training camp with multiple players on nonguaranteed deals who battle for the final roster spot. As The Post reported, LeBron James is not coming to the Knicks. Forget about it. That potential pairing lost its best chance in 2010.

Now in 2026 and coming off a championship, the Knicks' heavy lifting and salary-cap massaging is finished.

It's the work of smart management, most notably capologist Brock Aller, but also the sign of a group that has bought into the bigger picture.

In another environment, these free agents would've chased more money or more playing time.

But the Knicks — led by Brunson — have built something that rewards the sacrifice.

Dare we say, a culture.

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Diawara knows he has to be better

By STEFAN BONDY

LAS VEGAS — Mohamed Diawara wasn't in the mood to talk about his new contract. Or his potential.

His performance in Friday's Summer League opener — a 91-65 defeat against the Nets — was such a dud that the bigger picture was out of focus.

"I got to do way better. At the level we played last season, I got to do way better," Diawara said. "I can't play like I played today."

Indeed, Diawara was a massive disappointment Friday, shooting 1-for-9 — including 1-for-7 from beyond the arc — as the Knicks were outscored by 39 points in his 23 minutes.

Diawara, who this week signed a multiyear contract after his promising rookie season, was one of two players on the Summer League roster on a standard NBA deal. The other was Pacôme Dadiet, who scored 20 points but was an inefficient 1-for-7 on 3s.

"I think they struggled a little bit. We talk about responding to adversity, we got to respond to adversity," Knicks Summer League coach TJ Saint said. "They have to respond to adversity tomorrow. They struggled a little bit. They let little things affect them on the defensive end and then it kind of snowballed. So we got to be better. It's on those two guys and Dillon Jones and me to be better."

Diawara showed enough promise last season to warrant a fresh four-year, $11.2 million deal. Still, only the first two seasons are guaranteed and Diawara will have to fight for a rotation spot.

As it stands, he's low on the projected wing rotation behind OG Anunoby, Josh Hart, Mikal Bridges, Landry Shamet and Jordan Clarkson.

Diawara offers a unique element because of his 7-foot wingspan, but he understands playing time will require better than Friday's ugliness.

"Got to be better. I got to work more," Diawara said. "If I keep working, I will get better. I see a good future but I got to keep going."

Disorder in the Court’

Belgian keeper felled by injury as backup blinks in tough loss

By MICHAEL DUARTE

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Everyone expected the goalkeepers to decide Spain’s World Cup quarterfinal against Belgium.

They did.

Just not in the way anyone imagined.

The marquee matchup for the World Cup quarterfinal showdown between Belgium and Spain featured two of the finest shot-stoppers of their generation. Belgium’s Thibaut Courtois arrived as the tournament’s top-ranked goalkeeper, the towering Real Madrid star whose reach has rescued club and country countless times.

On the other side of the field was Spain’s Unai Simón, who entered the afternoon having authored a World Cup record 650 consecutive shutout minutes, a streak that finally ended at 691 when Charles De Ketelaere powered home Belgium’s equalizer.

For nearly 70 minutes, the duel between the two goalkeepers lived up to its billing.

Then everything changed.

Courtois slid to stop a shot by Mikel Oyarzabal in the 67th minute, making one more spectacular save before immediately grabbing at his leg. Moments later, on a long goal kick, he winced in pain. That was enough for Belgium manager Rudi Garcia to make the difficult decision to replace Courtois with Manchester United goalkeeper Senne Lammens.

“I felt a lot of pain in my quadriceps,” Courtois said afterward. “But I had no problem with staying in goal. The pain was only for long kicks. In the end, the manager decided to take me off, which is no problem, as the team is above everything.”

The decision became the turning point of Belgium’s World Cup.

With extra time looming and Spain searching desperately for a breakthrough, 19-year-old defender Pau Cubarsí unleashed a low, driven strike from outside the penalty area in the 88th minute. It was the kind of shot Courtois has swallowed a thousand times during his decorated career. Lammens couldn’t hold it.

The ball spilled into the 6-yard box, where substitute Mikel Merino reacted first, burying the rebound before Belgium’s defense could recover. Belgium’s dream was over.

“Big matches are decided by details,” Garcia said. “We made a few mistakes during the game. Against this kind of team, you can’t give anything away, you can’t make mistakes. Unfortunately, that’s how we were eliminated. This has to serve as a lesson for the younger players.”

Garcia hardly placed the blame on his backup goalkeeper alone. Belgium entered the match already limping. Captain Youri Tielemans was scratched after suffering an injury during warmups. Kevin De Bruyne was limited physically as the match wore on and had to come out. But Courtois’ exit proved to be the difference maker.

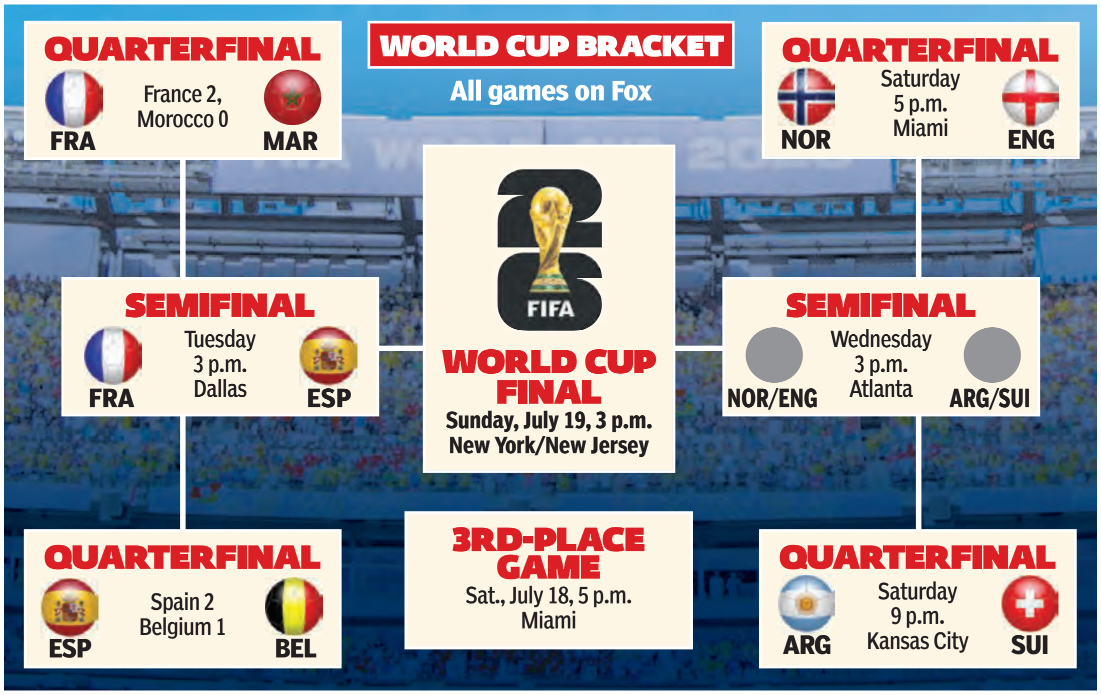
“Between Youri Tielemans not being able to start, Thibaut Courtois getting injured, Kevin De Bruyne not being able to go far in the game, it’s not very favorable for getting a result,” Garcia said. “Yet, we were very close to going to extra time.”

The cruel irony is impossible to ignore. Belgium’s greatest strength for more than a decade has been the man standing between its posts. On Friday, losing him for just 19 minutes proved too much to overcome.

Making the moment even more poignant, Courtois hinted afterward that his international future is uncertain.

“I want to rest for a year without any Belgium matches, and then play the EURO qualifiers and the 2028 EURO,” he said. “I don’t know if Belgium will agree to this.”

If they don’t, Friday may be remembered as the final chapter of one of Belgium’s greatest international careers.



OUCH: Belgium goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois lays on the pitch in pain in the second half Friday and could only watch from the bench as backup Senne Lammens couldn’t corral Mikel Merino’s rebound goal (inset) in the Red Devils’ 2-1 quarterfinal loss to Spain. AP; Reuters

Kane won't compare himself to Norway star

By ETHAN SEARS

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Despite nominally playing the same position, and despite both being high-end goalscorers, England striker Harry Kane said his game is so different from Erling Haaland's that it's impossible to compare the two.

"I know we're both seen as strikers, but two totally different positions, if I'm being honest," Kane said, asked about Norway's leading man the day before the two countries face off in a World Cup quarterfinal. "Erling's been incredible. Physically he's a machine, he's a beast, he's finishing at the highest level and obviously his goalscoring record speaks for itself.

"I see myself as a different player. Although I score the same goals, I like to touch the ball a little more, be involved in play a little bit more, but also can play as an out-and-out [No.] 9. I don't think it's one to compare ourselves. I respect him a lot as a player, as a fellow professional."

That does, in some way, get at the heart of the question for England going into Friday, which is how to contain Haaland.

Given how much impact he can make with so few touches, which is to say that he's heavily dependent on good service, the answer to that problem might be about Norway's other players just as much as it is about Haaland.

While England can stack its defensive line with big, tall bodies — this might be a game for John Stones or Dan Burn, both of whom came on as substitutes and performed excellently in the Round of 16 — players like Martin Ødegaard, Sander Berge and Alexander Sørloth may factor just as heavily into manager Thomas Tuchel's plans.

"Really dangerous team," Kane said. "Some fantastic players. I think really well coached, both with the ball, without the ball. Obviously, it's our job to try and find weaknesses in their structure. We want to try and impose our game tomorrow but we're playing a team with a lot of great players who are riding this wave."

NORWEGIAN

Despite underdog status, Haaland & Co. ready to fly in showdown against England

By ETHAN SEARS

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — There was something ironic in Erling Haaland describing Americans as "kind of hilarious" on Thursday, and not just because portion sizes here seem much more able to account for his 6,000-calorie-a-day diet than those in Europe.

Haaland is 6-foot-5 and 205 pounds. He has flowing blond hair, eats tomahawk steaks, drinks raw milk and scores goals like Pac-Man eats dots. Before Norway's match Round of 32 match in Dallas, he went shopping for cowboy boots and put it on his YouTube channel, part of an effort to become a household name in America that appears to be working.

It's a bit reductive to compare him to a viking, but as long as Norway's fans are still rowing, it's a bit hard to avoid. For a country that last made a World Cup in 1998, and which had never won a knockout game before this year, it's hard to imagine a better avatar.

That all is, kind of, hilarious.

Saturday
NORWAY vs. ENGLAND
Quarterfinals in Miami
5 p.m.
Fox

"It's important to joke around, I think," Haaland said. "I think every one of you kind of 'know me' now that I like to joke around a little bit and to have fun. I think that's a key for my daily life, to joke around and of course train good, focus and prepare well. You also need to joke around. You need to enjoy the moment.

"That's what we've been doing now. Just as we play in the World Cup, we have to enjoy it. Nothing lasts forever. We have to enjoy it while we're here."

Serene as Norway have felt at points at this World Cup — Haaland openly dismissed the idea of beating France to win the group stage, saying "They are probably going to win against us, they're probably going to win the whole tournament" — there is also the fact that they are one of the last eight teams standing.

Norway are the underdogs here against England. That's obvious, and Haaland himself isn't hiding from it.

"I think there are some clear favorites out there," he said. "England's one of them. I think all of you [reporters] should put every single pressure on the English lads."

As if the British press needed any encouragement. Still, even after the Three Lions withstood the mighty Azteca down to 10 men for an emotionally stirring Round of 16 win over Mexico, it is entirely possible to picture them going out here.

That is largely down to Haaland. Few would argue he's the best player in the world, but he may be

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RISING UP: Erling Haaland goes airborne against Brazil for the header. The Norway star's self-deprecating humor is keeping the mood light ahead of today's World Cup quarterfinal against England. Getty Images

the most singular.

"To be honest that hunger is not that big when [he's] training," Norway's manager Ståle Solbakken said Friday. "When he trains, when he participates, he is hungry for goals. But on a couple of the training sessions, he hasn't been all that hungry. I have to be honest."

This did not seem to be meant as criticism. Watch Haaland closely and it makes sense. He took just 30 touches of the ball in the Round of 16 against Brazil, a 2-1 Norway victory that instantly became the country's most iconic moment in the sport. Before scoring his first of two goals, rising to meet Andreas Schjelderup's cross, he looked almost disengaged before spotting the exact moment to make his run and transforming into a tank rolling across the penalty box.

He has scored 162 goals in 198 appearances across four seasons at Manchester City; the 27 he had in the Premier League last season equaled out to an average of one goal every 110 minutes. During Norway's World Cup qualifying campaign, during which it was undefeated, he scored every 44 minutes, 16 times in eight games. During the World Cup, he's done so seven times, and going into Saturday, he's one behind Lionel Messi and Kylian Mbappé in the Golden Boot race.

"Erling is Erling," England's Nico O'Reilly, Haaland's Manchester City teammate, told reporters earlier this week. "We all know what he is like. He can score goals and is dangerous in the box. He is a real threat. They need to get him the ball."

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Spain deals Belgium pain with late goal

By MICHAEL DUARTE

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — The script almost wrote itself.

Spain manager Luis de la Fuente's decisions to leave Pedri out of the starting lineup and insert Mikel Merino as a late substitute might have raised eyebrows at the time, but they turned out to be masterstrokes of genius in the 2026 FIFA World Cup quarterfinal between Spain and Belgium.

SPAIN	**2**	**World Cup quarterfinals**
BELGIUM	**1**	

"We wanted to give a different look for the team and I wanted the freshness from Fabián [Ruiz], said de la Fuente through a translator after the match. "We think of our opponent and we think how the player will fit against them and we've been very good at that."

Pedri had started every match of Spain's march through the tournament and had become one of the pillars of the midfield. In his place came Ruiz, who had started only Spain's opener against Cape Verde.

Ruiz scored the opening goal, and Merino delivered the winner in the 88th minute, as Spain survived a spirited Belgian challenge for a 2-1 victory before another packed World Cup crowd in Los Angeles, booking a blockbuster semifinal against France in Dallas.

"Not even in my wildest dreams could I imagine what happened," said Merino, who also scored the game-winning goal against Portugal off the bench in stoppage time. "Again a goal in the 90th minute, which fell to me inside the area. The truth is it's crazy to be able to help the team once again. I always believe a mistake can happen from the goalkeeper and I'm always attentive."

Spain had barely settled into its rhythm when its tactical gamble paid immediate dividends.

Dani Olmo danced into the penalty area and forced Belgium's Thibaut Courtois into a sharp save. The rebound, however, bounced kindly to Ruiz, who calmly guided the loose ball into an open net to give Spain a deserved early advantage.

The goal validated de la Fuente's biggest decision before the halftime whistle had even arrived.

But Belgium refused to blink.

Ten minutes later, Timothy Castagne whipped a dangerous cross into the area where Charles De Ketelaere rose above Spain's defense and powered a header beyond Unai Simón. The finish carried added significance. Spain had entered the quarterfinal having not conceded a single goal during its previous five matches. De Ketelaere's third goal of the tournament finally cracked the tournament's stingiest defense, ending one of the most impressive defensive runs of the World Cup.

It also confirmed Belgium had arrived with far more belief than many expected.

"We looked Spain straight in the eye," said Belgium head coach Rudi Garcia in French through a translator. "They doubted themselves for a moment, especially when we equalized."

The Red Devils looked nothing like the team that stumbled through scoreless frustration against Egypt and Iran during the group stage. Instead, they resembled the confident side that mounted a remarkable comeback against Senegal before dismantling the United States 4-1 in Seattle earlier in the knockout rounds.

Courtois, widely regarded as one of the world's premier goalkeepers, went down with an injury in the 70th minute and could not continue. Backup goalkeeper Senne Lammens entered under enormous pressure, and while the Manchester United keeper handled several difficult moments, the decisive mistake came off his own hands.

Literally.

De la Fuente reached into his bench again in the 86th minute, replacing Olmo with Merino. Two minutes later, as Spain kept pressing, his second masterstroke arrived.

Young defender Pau Cubarsí unleashed a driven effort from outside the penalty area that Lammens failed to secure cleanly. The ball spilled directly into Merino's path, and the substitute never hesitated, striking the rebound into the net in the 88th minute to send the Spanish supporters into celebration.

Spain, the reigning European champions and perhaps the tournament's most complete side, will meet Kylian Mbappé and France, the 2018 World Cup champions and 2022 runners-up, in a semifinal worthy of a final.

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AGONY, ECSTASY: Spain's Mikel Merino, who scored in the 88th minute, celebrates victory against Belgium on Friday. Getty Images

FLIGHT TSK

Mets manage to bungle opportunity to pounce on travel-weary Sawx

By DAN MARTIN

It took the Red Sox nearly a full day to get from Chicago to Queens because of plane issues.

Boston likely would have hitchhiked to Queens from the Midwest if they had to in order to get a piece of the Mets, who can't get out of their own way for long.

Fresh off their first series win in nearly a month, the Mets used the advantage of facing a team dealing with a litany of travel woes to remind everyone that they're capable of wasting just about any good fortune with a 6-2 loss Friday night.

By the end, Citi Field sounded more like Fenway Park, especially after Wilyer Abreu's game-clinching two-run shot in the ninth.

"It was crazy," Brett Baty said of the Red Sox arriving at LaGuardia Airport less than three hours before the scheduled start time. "I've never seen anything like that. Props to them for coming out and competing. I know they've been playing well."

The Mets also squandered a solid start by Nolan McLean, who allowed just two unearned runs in six innings, as an offense that briefly came to life as the Mets won four of five games heading into Friday went quiet again.

Down three runs in the eighth, with runners on the corners and no one out after A.J. Ewing opened the inning with base hits, Francisco Lindor, Carson Benge and Jorge Polanco failed to drive in a run, with a pair of shallow fly balls and a pop-up off right-hander Garrett Whitlock.

Against a Red Sox team that's surging back into the American League wild-card race with a winning streak that's now at seven games, the Mets quickly fell behind.

"Baseball is unpredictable," interim manager Andy Green said of the unusual circumstances. "I honestly felt if we held them scoreless in the first couple innings, they'd probably tire out."

RED SOX	**6**
METS	**2**

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Instead, after the start of the game was pushed back 36 minutes due to Boston's travel issues — stemming from mechanical problems with the team's plane — the Mets got off to a bad start.

Juan Soto dropped Anthony Seigler's fly ball to left for a two-base error to lead off the game.

Seigler moved to third on Ceddanne Rafaela's bunt and after a four-pitch walk to Abreu, McLean struck out Romy Gonzalez.

But Masataka Yoshida slapped a two-run double to left to put the Mets in an early hole.

A Soto sacrifice fly in the third was all they got against Sonny Gray, who allowed one run in six innings.

But A.J. Minter struggled in the seventh after taking over for McLean, as the left-hander gave up a bunt hit to Cheng and a two-run shot to Seigler to make it 4-1.

It was a blow for Minter, who figures to be a trade candidate by the Aug. 3 deadline, as he gave up four hits in his lone inning of work.

He'd given up just one run and 11 base runners in 17 innings prior to Friday.

The Mets then blew the opportunity to get back into the game in the eighth, as they went 0-for-8 for the game with runners in scoring position.

"We put ourselves in a lot of scoring positions throughout the whole day and weren't able to cash in," Green said. "We had a lot of really good at-bats. We were waiting for that one more really good at-bat."

Even with the middle of the order up against Whitlock, they weren't able to deliver.

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SKYFALL: Mets reliever Cionel Pérez (right) watches as the Red Sox's Wilyer Abreu showboats his way around the bases following his two-run home run to pad the Boston lead in the ninth inning Friday night at Citi Field. By then, Juan Soto and the home team already had come up small too many times to carry over momentum from their series win over the Royals.

Robert Sabo; Charles Wenzelberg / NY Post

Vientos out 6 to 8 weeks after taking pitch to hand

By DAN MARTIN

The Mets got the news they were expecting regarding Mark Vientos, who is likely to be out for 6-8 weeks with a fractured right hand.

Vientos was sidelined after being drilled by a pitch Thursday against the Royals.

He initially stayed in the game but was removed an inning later when his hand began to feel numb.

Vientos, who was placed on the 10-day IL, is not expected to need surgery.

"It definitely sucks," Vientos said of the injury. "I want to be with the guys. I love playing baseball."

It's the latest part of what has been a rough season for Vientos, who was looking for a bounce-back season with the Mets.

After hitting 27 homers in 2024, Vientos finished with an OPS of just .702 a year ago. The results have been worse this season with an OPS of .644.

He had been getting at-bats against lefty pitching — mostly playing first base. Without Vientos, interim manager Andy Green said Eric Wagaman likely would get the bulk of that time. Lefty-swinging Jared Young would start versus righties on a regular basis.

Wagaman was 6-for-22 with a pair of homers against lefties this season, while Vientos had an .855 OPS versus left-handers.

Green added they would "explore different alignments" when dealing with first base for the foreseeable future.

Vientos, who has played poorly on defense, called his season "super frustrating."

"But this is what it is," Vientos said. "I've got to continue the process. I understand this happens."

Even with Vientos' struggles, his loss weakens what was already a shaky lineup.

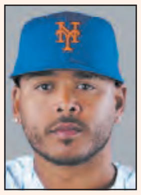
To fill his spot on the roster, infielder Zack Short was selected to the major league roster after playing at Triple-A Syracuse. The Mets claimed Short off waivers from the Tigers, and he appeared in three games with them prior to being in the lineup on Friday against the Red Sox at Citi Field, where the Mets fell 6-2 after flight trouble delayed Boston's arrival.

What had been an anemic offense entered Friday on a bit of a hot streak, having scored six or more runs in five consecutive games.

Vientos hadn't played much of a part in that — and had a .594 OPS in his previous 65 games — but his absence will rob them of some much-needed depth.

ON DECK: vs. Red Sox

Saturday, 4:10 p.m., SNY, WHSQ (880 AM)



RHP Freddy Peralta	TBD
2026 stats: 5-7, 4.68 ERA	**2026 stats:** –
Career vs. BOS: 0-1, 5.91 ERA	**Career vs. NYM:** –
Last start: Mon., at ATL; 4.2 IP, 6 H, 6 K	**Last start:** –

PITCH BREAKDOWN

53%	22%	15%
4-Seamer	Change	Curve

PITCH BREAKDOWN

–%	–%	–%
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UP NEXT

SUNDAY: vs. Red Sox, 1:40 p.m., PIX11, WHSQ
TBD vs. LHP Payton Tolle

THURSDAY: at Phillies, 7:10 p.m., ESPN, WHSQ
TBD vs. TBD

INJURY REPORT

- **Marcus Semien** (left hip flexor strain) took live batting practice Friday. Interim manager Andy Green said the second baseman would have a "heavy workload," and how he bounces back Saturday could determine the next steps in his rehab.

Plane issues delay Bosox's arrival

By GRACE McCARRON

Several flight delays didn't stop the Red Sox from extending their win streak to seven Friday night with a 6-2 victory over the Mets.

Boston encountered several flight delays due to mechanical issues and didn't arrive at the ballpark from Chicago until 5:05 p.m., a mere 2 hours, 10 minutes before the series opener was to begin. Their equipment showed up 20 minutes later. First pitch was delayed to 7:50 as a result.

Sonny Gray started for the Red Sox and delivered six innings of one-run ball. Interim Red Sox manager Chad Tracy credited his adaptability as a routine-oriented guy.

"The answer when I started talking about time of game was, 'You tell me what time the game is, I'll be ready,' " Tracy said. "[He's a] pro; knows how to adapt."

The Red Sox arrived at the airport at about 6 p.m. Thursday after their series finale against the White Sox. Red Sox pitcher Payton Tolle said that, at first, there was a broken tug keeping them in Chicago on Thursday night.

They sat on the plane for six hours. They then went back to the hotel and "went to bed around 2 [a.m.]," according to Tolle.

Boston got on the bus heading back to the airport at around 10 a.m. Friday. Next came a cockpit light bulb issue, leaving the team to sit on the plane for another few hours. They would wait to take off from "11 to about 1:30 to 2," before finally starting on the way to New York.

"At one point, we just kind of looked at each other and started laughing," Tolle said.

The sentiment around the ballpark was that the situation was highly unusual.

"I don't think anyone's probably experienced that before," Gray said postgame. "... You can only control what you can control."

"Even with a lot of years in minor league baseball and Triple-A, I think I had some times where maybe we arrived at 2 [p.m.] for a 7 [p.m.], but we're well past 2 already," Mets interim manager Andy Green said pregame. "... Unfortunate circumstances."

It was a bizarre scene for a team that otherwise has cruised lately. The Red Sox entered the series after back-to-back sweeps of the Angels and White Sox, and had won 11 of their last 13.

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INJURY REPORT

- **Carlos Rodón** (left elbow inflammation) started playing catch on Thursday at Tropicana Field and remained back in Tampa to continue his rehab while the team left for Washington.
- **Max Fried** (left elbow bone bruise) is scheduled to throw a simulated game on Saturday at Double-A Somerset, after which he could begin a rehab assignment.

ON DECK

at Nationals

Saturday, 4:05 p.m., YES, WFAN (660 AM, 101.9 FM)

RHP Cam Schlittler

2026 stats:
9-5, 2.01 ERA

Career vs. WAS:
1-0, 0.00 ERA

Last start:
Mon., at TBR;
8.0 IP, 4 H, 1 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

4-Seamer	Cutter	Sinker
45%	27%	20%

RHP Miles Mikolas

2026 stats:
3-7, 5.78 ERA

Career vs. NYY:
1-0, 4.41 ERA

Last start:
Mon., vs. HOU;
6.0 IP, 9 H, 7 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

4-Seamer	Sinker	Slider
26%	25%	22%

UP NEXT

SUNDAY: at Nationals,
1:35 p.m., YES, WFAN
RHP Will Warren vs. TBD

FRIDAY: vs. Dodgers,
7:05 p.m., YES, WFAN
TBD vs. TBD

CAPITAL THRILL!

Jazz's 2-run home run in top of 9th propels Yanks past Washington

By GREG JOYCE

YANKEES 5
NATIONALS 3

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WASHINGTON — Break up the Yankees.

Two outs away from taking another step back following Thursday's eruption against the Rays, Jazz Chisholm Jr. saved the day to secure the Yankees back-to-back wins for the first time in over two weeks.

Trailing by a run and facing one-time Yankee lefty Matt Krook with one out in the ninth inning, Chisholm clobbered a two-run shot into the second deck to lift the Yankees to a dramatic 5-3 win over the Nationals on Friday night at Nationals Park.

After Chisholm's blast, Austin Wells crushed his second home run in as many days (after going 23 straight games without one), providing some breathing room for David Bednar in his second inning of work to finish off the game.

"When we all come together, the energy's outstanding and we're electric together," Chisholm said.

The consecutive wins are the Yankees' first since June 23-24, going 2-11 in between, as they try to finally string some momentum together to fully snap out of their recent skid.

"We're starting to get that spark," said Ryan Weathers, who gave up just one run across 5 $\frac{1}{3}$ strong innings. "Jazz had a big swing there in the ninth, that was huge for us. ... I think the progression of the pitching and hitting, you see the [at-bats] are really good right now, I feel like the pitching's doing a really good job right now, and just want to keep stacking good days on good days."

After first pitch was delayed two hours by storms in the area, the Yankees (52-42) got solo home runs from Ben Rice and Jasson Domínguez to take a 2-1 lead into the seventh inning before Tim Hill gave up back-to-back home runs to Keibert Ruiz and James Wood, putting the Nationals (48-47) ahead 3-2.

But after wasting chances to add on throughout the game, the Yankees finally cashed in during the ninth inning against Krook. With one out, Domínguez got things started with a single from the right side. Chisholm came up next, got a sweeper over the heart of the plate and did not miss, drilling a moonshot that he admired for the 4-3 lead.

Playing without Aaron Judge and Giancarlo Stanton for the foreseeable future, the Yankees could desperately use Chisholm getting hot after an inconsistent first half, with his big swing Friday night a reminder of his high-end talent.

"I feel like he got off to a tough start in April, since then has been fine," manager Aaron Boone said. "But Jazz shouldn't be fine. He's better than that. So hopefully he's setting himself up for a really good second half. Because when he gets going, he's one of those guys that changes a game in a lot of ways and even can carry teams in certain stretches. Good to see a big swing in a big spot."

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THERE IT GOES! Jazz Chisholm Jr. absolutely got all of Matt Krook's offering on a two-run, go-ahead home run in the top of the ninth inning Friday night in Washington. Imagn Images

Similar to their third inning Thursday against the Rays, which keyed a 12-run outburst at Tropicana Field, the Yankees then strung together quality at-bats against righty Justin Lawrence, including Wells going deep for the second straight game, even though they eventually left the bases loaded.

But it is going to take that kind of full-team effort to pick themselves out of the hole they dug for themselves over the past few weeks, which is one of the points that Chisholm made when he spoke up in Thursday's pregame hitters meeting. At a time when everyone was slumping together and trying to break the team out of it individually, Chisholm encouraged his teammates to "be more together" on and off the field.

"I feel like we're losing ourselves and we're splitting further and further apart," Chisholm said. "I feel like when we're together, we're unstoppable. Every time we go on a crazy run, it's because we're always together and having fun together as a team. I feel like that's a big part of going on the baseball field and knowing your teammates and having your teammates' back and trusting your teammates."

"Felt like we just have to tighten up and be for each other instead of being for ourselves. I'm the biggest advocate of loving my own stats, but at the end of the day, I wouldn't mind rolling over to second base to move the runner over from second with no outs."

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Schlittler has made case for All-Star start

By GREG JOYCE

WASHINGTON — As long as Cam Schlittler gets through Saturday's start healthy — and finally gets the Yankees' blessing — the ball will be in John Schneider's hands, to give it to the Yankees ace on Tuesday at Citizens Bank Park.

With one outing left before the All-Star break, Schlittler has put himself in a strong position to start the Midsummer Classic for the American League. That decision will be up to Schneider, the Blue Jays manager who is managing the AL team, given that the Yankees are OK with Schlittler pitching an inning on what would essentially be his between-starts bullpen day.

"He's been brilliant," Gerrit Cole said. "I think he's been great. Very consistent throughout and never satisfied."

Aaron Boone has been coy on whether the Yankees will in fact give Schlittler the green light to pitch in Tuesday's All-Star Game — "We'll see, we're not there yet," Boone said with a grin earlier this week — but the 25-year-old right-hander has certainly made himself the most deserving candidate.

Among qualified American League pitchers, entering Friday, Schlittler ranked first in bWAR (3.9), ERA (2.01), WHIP (0.93) and strikeout to walk ratio (6.24). He was second in opponent batting average (.199), quality starts (11) and fWAR (3.6) and third in strikeouts (131).

Perhaps the biggest threat to Schlittler's candidacy to start the game is Blue Jays righty Dylan Cease, who has thrown fewer innings but leads the AL in fWAR (3.7), strikeouts (148) and opponent batting average (.189). His manager also just so happens to be the one making the decision, though Cease even deferred to Schlittler earlier this week.

"I think a lot of that's dependent on if Cam can start — he's probably earned it," Cease told reporters after bringing a no-hitter into the ninth inning against the Giants.

The last Yankees pitcher to start an All-Star Game was Cole in 2023, on the way to an AL Cy Young award. Before that, it was Roger Clemens in 2001.

When Cole started in 2023, he was on the same schedule as Schlittler — he started the Saturday before the break, then threw an inning on two days' rest in the All-Star Game.

Though the Yankees are mindful of Schlittler's workload — he enters Saturday's start against the Nationals having already thrown 112 innings, set to blow past his career-high of 149 ⅔ innings, which he did last year — an extra inning to showcase his tremendous success story shouldn't hurt, so long as the former seventh-round pick out of Northeastern is healthy.

Schlittler will be representing the Yankees along with another homegrown star (and Massachusetts native) in Ben Rice, plus veteran outfielder Cody Bellinger.

King of the Hill

Schlittler vs. the other potential AL All-Star Game starters:

Player	Team	Rec.	ERA	K	IP	fWAR
Cam Schlittler	Yankees	9-5	2.01	131	112.0	3.6
Dylan Cease	Blue Jays	6-4	2.56	148	98.1	3.7
Joe Ryan	Twins	6-5	2.85	122	104.1	3.1
Ranger Suarez	Red Sox	4-3	3.15	97	91.1	3.0
Parker Messick	Guardians	7-5	2.80	109	106.0	2.9

Boone challenges, Domínguez delivers

By GREG JOYCE

YANKEES NOTES

WASHINGTON — Jasson Domínguez began Friday as one of the Yankees' hotter hitters of late — which wasn't exactly saying much, given their collective funk before Thursday's breakout — but Aaron Boone is setting a higher bar.

As in more of what Domínguez did Friday night.

The 23-year-old outfielder smoked a solo shot from the left side and later singled from the right side in the ninth inning to start the game-winning rally as the Yankees beat the Nationals 5-3 at Nationals Park.

"I feel like I've been getting better," Domínguez said. "I've been working to take better at-bats. Just go and compete, and that's been my only focus."

At a time when the Yankees need all the offense they can get, Domínguez is batting .333 (10-for-30) over his past eight games. Still, he ended the night batting only .242 with a .709 OPS in 34 games this season.

"I expect more," Boone said before the game. "I feel like really all year he's giving solid at-bats every day, but hasn't had that breakthrough yet. His on-base percentage should not be whatever it is [.276]. He's so much more than that. But I feel like he hasn't struggled at all in the time that he's been up so far. But I feel like he hasn't caught that fire yet either.

"He's been a little unlucky, especially this last week. He's hit some balls on the screws right at people. He did it a couple times in the Tampa series. So hopefully he's starting to consistently square things up. When he's doing that, he can do some special things out there with his speed and his power to all fields."

The switch-hitter has the potential to be a difference maker in the Yankees lineup — often residing in the top half — especially as it carries on without Aaron Judge and Giancarlo Stanton for the foreseeable future.

➤ **Paul Goldschmidt** snapped out of an 0-for-34 skid with a single in the first inning, then later added an infield single.

➤ **Angel Chivilli** had two encouraging outings in the final two games against the Rays, throwing a perfect inning Wednesday and two perfect innings with three strikeouts Thursday. That earned him a longer stay on the roster instead of being sent back to Triple-A for a fresh arm Friday.

➤ **Ben Rice**'s dad was at Nationals Park early Friday afternoon to throw him batting practice, as the two got a round of prep for Monday's Home Run Derby at Citizens Bank Park.

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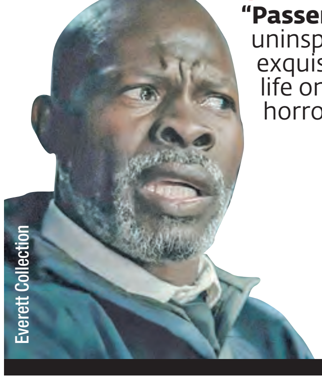

Everett Collection

STREAM IT OR SKIP IT

“Passenger” (VOD) is a barely written, deeply uninspired movie that awkwardly stirs the exquisitely dull domestic drama of a couple’s life on the road into a bland supernatural-horror scenario. **OUR CALL: SKIP IT**

WHAT TO WATCH

Sometimes the people we live next to aren’t exactly what we expect. Netflix’s **“Worst Neighbor Ever”** is a great example of neighbors not being what they seem. Each episode of the true crime docuseries is a new story of a neighborly dispute gone wrong. A suspenseful retelling of stories that made news headlines, this series is exactly the kind of show for people who are fans of shocking twists.

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Ranking all the live-action Disney princesses, from Snow White to Moana

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Above: Lily James in “Cinderella” (2015).
Below left: Rachel Zegler in “Snow White” (2025).
Below: Catherine Laga’aia in “Moana” (2026).

By JESSE HASSENGER

Disney’s longest-surviving cultural icon may be Mickey Mouse, but their most enduring homegrown character brand might actually be the Disney Princesses, a loose collective of the animated female characters the studio has been building since their very first feature-length cartoon, 1937’s **“Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.”** Some, like Mulan, are not actually royalty. Some, like Princess Eilonwy from **“The Black Cauldron,”** are actual royalty, but rarely if ever acknowledged. One, Princess Merida from **“Brave,”** is even imported from Pixar, a completely different studio also owned by Disney.

With the company’s ongoing efforts to remake its back catalog, a new wrinkle has been added to Disney Princess history: The existence of live-action versions of these beloved characters. Not every princess character has received the live-action treatment, but at this point, with the release of a decade-later remake of **“Moana,”** the majority of the big ones have made it. So which Disney Princesses have best survived the jump to live action?

9. Emma Watson as Belle in “Beauty and the Beast” (2017)

Watson’s watchable but weirdly unremarkable performance establishes what will become a familiar theme for the live-action princess: It’s not really her fault the material so constrains her. But those constraints rarely feel more visible than they do in this billion-dollar hit.

8. Liu Yifei as Mulan in “Mulan” (2020)

On the other hand, what if you became a Disney Princess and no one much remembered? Again, that’s not Liu Yifei’s fault; her version of “Mulan” was released to streaming during the pandemic, when a lot of movie theaters were closed, and it doesn’t seem to have particularly stuck in the minds of audiences. Yifei gets to do some cool action stuff as a less clumsy version of the character, but the whole thing feels like a half-measure.

7. Catherine Laga’aia as Moana in “Moana” (2026)

Let’s get to the good stuff upfront: Catherine Laga’aia has a nice, likable presence, and a lovely singing voice. Unfortunately, no one involved in making a live-action “Moana” ever gives her material stronger than a school-play version of the 2016 classic, with every dialogue tweak being prominent enough to notice and clunky enough to count as a downgrade.

6. Elle Fanning as Aurora in “Maleficent” (2014) and “Maleficent: Mistress of Evil” (2019)

The first such Disney villain to get their own POV film was Maleficent, the fearsome witch from **“Sleeping Beauty,”** and that meant casting someone to play the title character, even if this Aurora has a decidedly different path than her animated counterpart. Elle Fanning’s sad-girl ennui is such a potentially interesting choice for the Disney Princess image, but the movies don’t fully exploit it.

5. Halle Bailey as Ariel in “The Little Mermaid” (2019)

“The Little Mermaid” is just as inert as the worst of the Disney remakes, and because it has so many fantasy elements converted from hand-drawn animation into “live-action” designs that are then realized via, you guessed it, computer animation, it’s also hideously ugly in a way that not all of them are. The highlight, though, is Halle Bailey playing the yearning incarnate as Ariel, the mermaid who longs to explore the surface world.

4. Naomi Scott as Jasmine in “Aladdin” (2019)

In Guy Ritchie’s live-action redo, Jasmine is recast as a young woman who feels capable of taking over for her sultan father and stymied by the limits of her station, no matter how privileged. Scott, who went on to do bravura scream-queen work in **“Smile 2,”** has more than enough charisma to pull it off; in a movie where poor Will Smith has to compete with the memory of Robin Williams as the Genie, she makes Jasmine her own.

3. Rachel Zegler as Snow White in “Snow White” (2025)

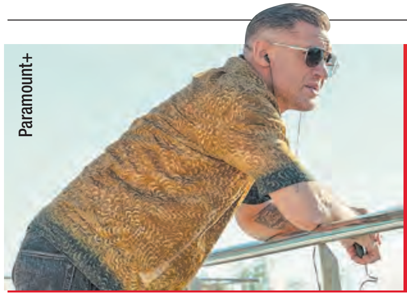
A lack of accompanying line-by-line fidelity is exactly what makes “Snow White” one of the more watchable Disney remakes; it knows it has to do something a little different with the material, and starts with casting the supernaturally charming Zegler, then continues with giving her some agreeable new songs to perform, in musical sequences that are better-directed than many of their more modern equivalents.

2. Amy Adams as Giselle in “Enchanted” (2007) and “Disenchanted” (2022)

“Enchanted” could be arguably disqualified from this list, because its translation from animation to live action is part of its whole storyline, and not based on a pre-existing classic. This allows Adams to originate the character from the jump, resulting in a fuller and more original portrayal of a stereotypical princess. Adams is simply too good to ignore.

1. Lily James as Cinderella in “Cinderella” (2015)

Kenneth Branagh’s relatively grounded yet still-magical-enough expansion of the 1950 Disney classic is oft-forgotten with the rash of CG-choked Disney remakes that followed. The best thing about it is the showcase it provides for a luminous Lily James, exploring the same stereotypical princessy qualities as Giselle – kindness, courage, etc. – but from an utterly sincere perspective, with a sweeter romance to boot.



Paramount+

TRENDING NOW

Hello again, Harrigans! Paramount+ dropped the teaser trailer for **“MobLand”** Season 2, featuring the return of **Tom Hardy** (left) as Harry De Souza. The crime drama’s sophomore season premieres on Friday, Sept. 18.

WHAT’S NEW

ON CARTOON NETWORK
“Iyanu: The War of Twin Princes,” an animated movie (left).

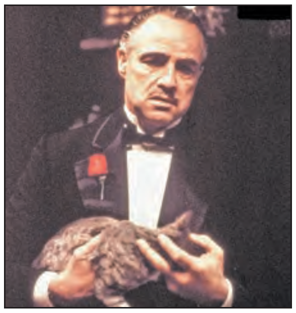
ON HALLMARK CHANNEL
“**O Little Christmas Market**,” a new holiday romance.

Best Bets

What's on Tonight

FAMILY

The Karate Kid, Part II: 3 p.m. on WWOR. **Pat Morita**, Ralph Macchio. Miyagi confronts his old rival, while Daniel falls in love and makes his own.



DRAMA

The Godfather: 10:25 p.m. on PARSHO. Marlon Brando, Al Pacino. The aging patriarch of an organized crime dynasty transfers control of his empire.

COMEDY

Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story: 11:30 p.m. on COM. Vince Vaughn, Ben Stiller. A group of misfits enter a tournament in order to save their cherished local gym.

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SP = Spectrum, C = Cablevision, F = FiOS   Movies 🟥   Sports 🟩   New 🟨

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
2 WCBS	2	2	2	CBS Weekend News	Entertainment Tonight		Boston Blue		48 Hours: My Mother's Murder Trial Part One (R)		48 Hours: My Mother's Murder Trial Part Two (R)		CBS News 11pm	(11:35) Dear New York
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	Paid Program	LX.TV: 1st Look	The Wall: Hope & Francis (R)		Dateline NBC: Investigative reports, breaking news stories and profiles of leading newsmakers.				News 4 New York at 11	Saturday Night Live (R)
5 WNYW	5	5	5	FIFA World Cup Live.	FIFA World Cup Today Live.			(8:45) 2026 FIFA World Cup: Quarterfinal: Argentina at Switzerland from Kansas City Stadium. Live.					FIFA World Cup Live.	The 10 O'Clock News
7 WABC	7	7	7	(6:00) News	Jeopardy! (R)	Wheel of Fortune (R)	9-1-1: Nashville: Spirit of the Games (R)		9-1-1: Nashville: Pipe Dreams (R)		9-1-1: Nashville: Saboteurs (R)		Eyewitness News at 11	
9 WWOR	9	9	9	(6:00) 6 O'Clock News	Paid Program	Paid Program	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	The 10 O'Clock News	Finally Caught: Mooney (R)		In Depth: Ron Desantis
11 WPIX	11	11	11	Countdown Live Live.	NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series: EchoPark Speedway: from Atlanta Motor Speedway. Live.						PBR Bull Riding: PBR Teams: Day 1 Live.			
13 WNET	13	13	13	GZero World	My Music Presents: 60s and 70s Soul Celebration: Legends of 1960s and 1970s soul music perform their biggest hits.						Kris Kristofferson: The Life & Songs			My Music Presents
21 WLIW	21	21	21	Compass	Drive By	Firing (R)	Midsomer Murders: Chorus, Part 1			(9:35) Velvet: New York, New York (R)			Ireland	Papa Ray's
25 WNYE	25	22	25	Walkin NYC	Hospitality and Politics		92Y on NYCLife		Letter of Introduction (1938) NR ★★			Mack	Profiles	GZero
31 WPXN	31	3	531	NWSL Soccer Live.				(8:45) NWSL Soccer Live.				NWSL Live.	Law & Order: SVU	
41 WXTV	41	6	41	N Univisio	Piensa Rápido		Un sueño posible (aka the Blindside) (2009, Drama) Sandra Bullock. PG-13 ★★★½						Fam. de 10	N Univisio
47 WNJU	47	16	12	Mundial 26	Mundial	Mundial	Mundial	Copa Mundial de FIFA 2026: Argentina vs Switzerland. Directo.					Todo el Mundial Directo.	
55 WLNY	55	10	10	Pawn Stars	Last Man	Last Man	Fire Country		NCIS: Hawai'i: Legacy		Judge Judy	Paid	Women Wrestling	
A&E	46	46	181	Storage (R)	Storage Wars (R)		Storage Wars: Back		Storage Wars		(10:01) Storage Wars (R)		(11:04) Storage Wars (R)	
AMC	54	43	231	Beekeeper	The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Drama) Dennis Quaid. PG-13 ★★½					War of the Worlds (2005, Science Fiction) Tom Cruise. PG-13 ★★½				
BBCAM	71	101	189	Karate Kid	The Karate Kid (1984, Drama) Ralph Macchio. PG ★★★						The Karate Kid, Part II (1986, Action) Pat Morita. ★★½			
BET	37	54	270	Equalizer	The Equalizer		The Equalizer: Just Fans		The Equalizer: Sacrifice		Coming to America (1988, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. R			
BRAVO	18	44	185	Ocean's Twelve (2004, Crime) George Clooney. PG-13 ★★½						Ocean's Thirteen (2007, Crime) George Clooney. PG-13 ★★★				
CNBC	15	24	102	Greed (R)	American Greed (R)		American Greed (R)		American Greed (R)		American Greed (R)		American Greed (R)	
CNN	78	25	100	Newsroom	CNN Newsroom		The Chernobyl Meltdown		The Chernobyl Meltdown		The Chernobyl Meltdown		The Chernobyl Meltdown	
COMEDY	45	50	190	The Office	Daddy's Home (2015, Comedy) Will Ferrell. PG-13 ★★★				We're the Millers (2013, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston. R ★★★					Dodgeball
DISC	66	27	120	120 Hours	120 Hours: Butler County		120 Hours: Washington		120 Hours: Caddo Parish		120 Hours: Bristol County		120 Hours (R)	
DISNEY	49	31	250	Big City	Monsters University (2013) G ★★★			Dragon	(9:20) Dragon Striker		Phineas	Phineas	Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	24	51	196	Catch Me	Cast Away (2000, Drama) Tom Hanks. PG-13 ★★★½						Forrest Gump (1994, Drama) Tom Hanks. PG-13 ★★★★			
ESPN	28	36	70	(6:00) NBA Summer League Live.			NBA Summer League Live.				NBA Summer League Live.			
ESPN2	29	35	74	Shorts	X Games Chiba 2026				USL Soccer Live.				Return of the Clowns	
FBN	43	106	117	Dream Car	My Dream Car		My Dream Car		My Dream Car		My Dream Car		My Dream Car	
FNC	44	26	118	(5:00) The Big Weekend Show			Life, Liberty & Levin		My View with Lara Trump		Fox News Saturday Night		Gutfeld! (R)	
FOOD	50	97	164	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FREE	38	49	199	Pirates: At World's End		(7:45) Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (2011, Adventure) Johnny Depp. PG-13 ★★★							Pirates: Dead (2017) ★★★	
FS1	400	99	83	MLB Game	THE GAME THAT C		America's Day at the Races Live.						Bukayo Saka:	
FX	10	40	53	Tangled PG	Moana (2016, Comedy) Dwayne Johnson. PG ★★★½					Moana (2016, Comedy) Dwayne Johnson. PG ★★★½				
HALL		191	240	(6:00) Miracle in Bethlehem, PA (2023)			O Little Christmas Market (2026) Katherine Barrell.				Holiday Hotline (2023, Holiday) Emily Tennant.			
HGTV	64	98	165	Crashers	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Zillow Wild	Zillow Wild	Zillow Wild
HIST	40	47	128	World War	World War II w. (R)		World War II w.: Italy (R)		(9:02) World War II w. (R)		World War II w.: Overlord		(11:05) World War II w. (R)	
ID	23	171	123	Mean Girl	Mean Girl Murders		Deadly Women		Deadly Women		The Realtor Ransom Plot		Deadly Women	
LIFE	62	45	140	(6:00) I'll Never Let You Go (2025) NR			He Couldn't Let Go (2026)				(10:03) Single Black Tenant (2026, Drama)			
MeTV	33	33	3	Stooges	Stooges	Stooges	Village of the Giants (1965, Comedy) Tommy Kirk. NR ½					Batman	Star Trek: Immunity Syn.	
MSG	27	87	78	(6:00) NBA Summer League Live.			INTENNSE Tennis: Altitude vs. Sting				INTENNSE Tennis: Outriders vs Inferno Taped.			
MSG Plus	48	88	80	(4:30) Team	Team Boxing League: Dallas Enforcers at Atlanta Attack Live.					MSG Summer	USL Soccer: Westchester SC at Hartford Athletic.			
MSNOW	14	23	103	Weekend	The Weekend		The Weekend		Crooked on MS NOW		Rachel Maddow		The 11th Hour with Ali	
MTV	20	53	210	Bang	Bring It On (2000, Comedy) Kirsten Dunst. PG-13 ★★½				Blended (2014, Comedy) Adam Sandler. PG-13 ★★½					Bring It On
NATGEO	65	162	121	Sharks (R)	World's Biggest Mako (R)		Biggest Sharks (R)		Sharks Attack: Bite Spike		Shark Attack Files		Perfect Predator (R)	
NICK	6	121	252	Sing 2 ★★★½	Sonic the Hedgehog (2020, Adventure) Jim Carrey.				Friends	Friends	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang
OWN	173	180	145	(6:00) Heart	Heart & Hustle: Houston		Heart & Hustle: Houston		Belle Collective		Belle Collective		Heart & Hustle: Houston	
PARMT	36	56	54	(5:35) Top Gun: Maverick (2022, Action) Tom Cruise.				(8:35) Top Gun (1986, Action) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis. PG ★★★					Top Gun: Maverick (2022)	
SNY	26	60	77	MLB Game	Post Game	Yeah ...	MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at New York Mets from Citi Field. Replay.						Sports	Sports
SYFY	17	48	180	Fast X (2023, Action) Vin Diesel. PG-13 ★★½						Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (2018, Adventure) Chris Pratt. ★★★				
TBS	8	39	52	(4:00) Lord of Rings: Two Towers (2002)			The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003, Fantasy) Ian McKellen. PG-13 ★★★★							
TCM	82	41	230	Bullitt (1968, Action) Steve McQueen.			The Treasure of the Sierra Madre (1948) NR ★★★½				(10:15) The Killing (1956, Crime) Coleen Gray. ★★★½			
TLC	52	28	139	90 Day (R)	Little Singles (R)		Little Singles (R)		Little Singles: Sandals (R)		Jay & Pamela (R)		Jay & Pamela (R)	
TNT	3	37	51	(5:45) Uncle Buck (1989, Comedy) ★★★			All Elite Wrestling: Collision: Collision 7/11/2026 Live.				San Andreas (2015, Action) Dwayne Johnson. ★★★			
TVLAND	85	34	241	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	Chicago PD	Chicago P.D.: Safe		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.: Closure		Chicago P.D.: Rage	
VH1	19	52	217	(6:00) Colombiana (2011, Action) ★★½			Breaking In (2018, Thriller) Gabrielle Union. PG-13 ★★				In Too Deep (1999, Thriller) LL Cool J. R ★★½			
WE	59	42	149	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS: Doppelganger		NCIS: The Meat Puzzle		NCIS: Witness		NCIS: Caught on Tape		NCIS: Pop Life	
YES	53	89	76	MLB Game	Postgame	YanksExtra	Athletes Unlimited Women Live.				MLB Baseball Replay.			
HBO	511	301	400	Final Destination: Bloodlines (2025) R			The Long Walk (2025) Cooper Hoffman.			(9:49) Of the Dragon (R)		Life, Larry: McCarthy (R)		Kombat ★★½
MAX	531	371	420	Intruders R	(7:07) Annabelle (2014, Horror) R ★★½			(8:46) Annabelle: Creation (2017, Horror) R ★★★				(10:36) Annabelle Comes Home (2019)		
MGM Plus	595		395	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back (2016)			Casino Royale (2006, Thriller) Daniel Craig. PG-13 ★★★½					(10:25) GoldenEye (1995, Action) ★★★		
PARSHO	551	321	365	(6:35) Hacksaw Ridge (2016, Drama) Andrew Garfield. R ★★★★					The Perfect Gamble (2025)			(10:25) The Godfather (1972, Crime) R		

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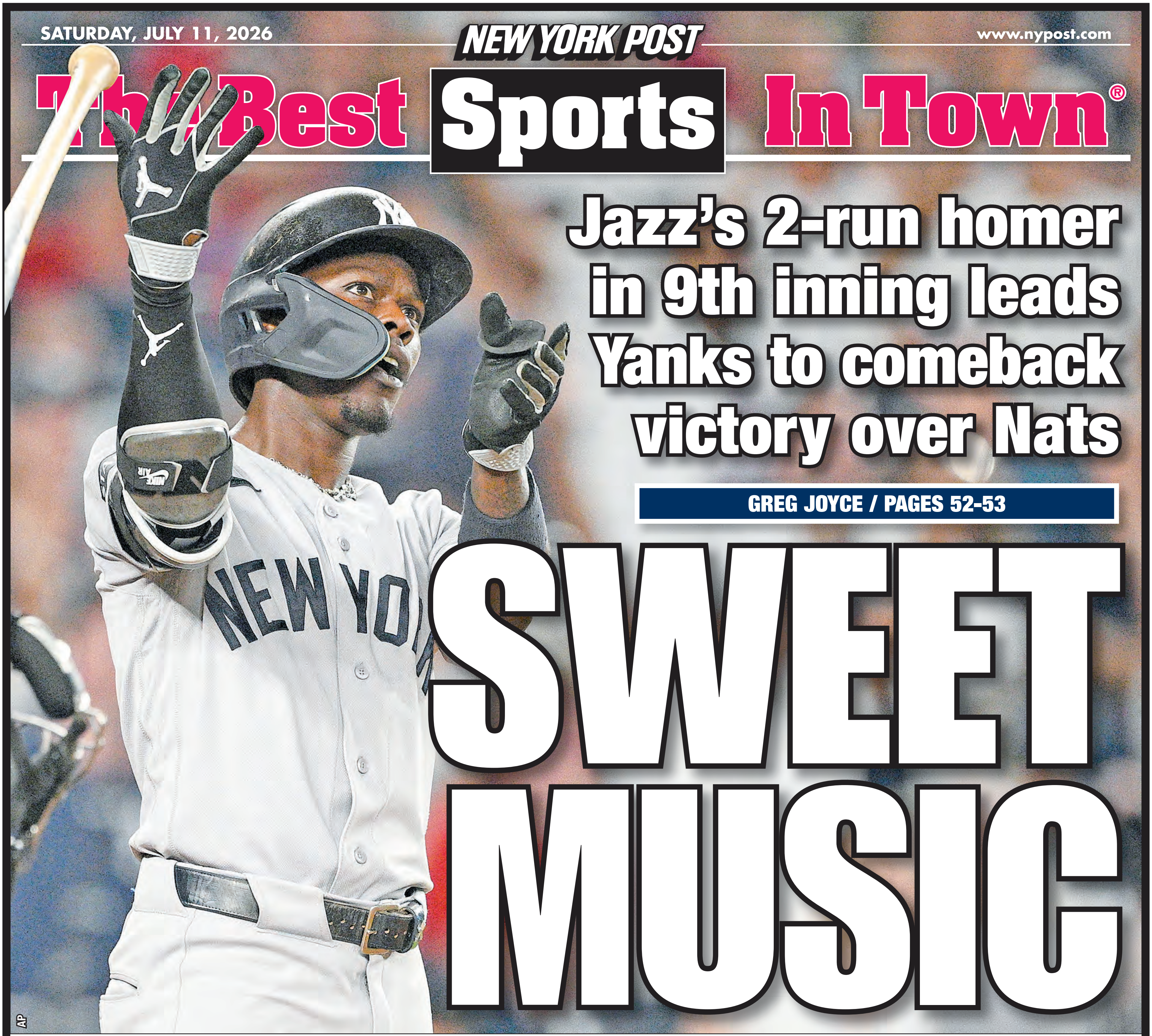

Jazz's 2-run homer in 9th inning leads Yanks to comeback victory over Nats

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Jazz Chisholm Jr. flips his bat after belting a go-ahead, two-run homer in the ninth inning of the Yankees' 5-3 come-from-behind victory over the Nationals on Friday night in Washington. Austin Wells also blasted a solo homer in the frame for the Bombers' final insurance run.

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